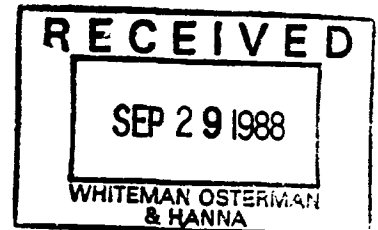




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September 28, 1988

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Attention: Mr. Mel Hauptman

Re: Hooker/RUCO Site, Hicksville, New York
Response to your July 11, 1988 Request for Information

Dear Mr. Hauptman:

Attached is the response to your request pursuant to CERCLA §104 information dated July 11, 1988 to Mr. Ray R. Irani, President, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, and to John Hanna, Esq. of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna. The due date was extended by letter dated August 12, 1988. As Occidental Petroleum Corporation was not involved with the Hicksville Site, your letter was referred to me for response on behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation (the "Company"), which was up to 1982 the owner of the Hicksville Site.

If you need further information, or clarification of information provided in this letter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Thomas L. Jennings

Vice-President
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Sworn to before me this 28th
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RESPONSE OF OCC TO U.S. EPA
CERCLA §104 INFORMATION REQUEST
DATED JULY 11, 1988

BACKGROUND

Over the past few years, a great deal of information has been provided to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYS DEC"), other state agencies, and the U.S. EPA regarding the operations of the Hicksville Site.

Much of the early interest in the Site was caused by a concern that the Site was a contributor of chlorinated organic chemicals to the area groundwater. This concern was due in part to the reported presence of vinyl chloride in a few water wells near the Site. Since the Company was the only known user of vinyl chloride in the area, the assumption was made that the Company must be the source. It is now known that there can be many sources of vinyl chloride in groundwater.

The reality is as follows. The Hicksville Site is a small site, within and affected by, a large industrial complex. Vinyl chloride has been discovered to be a degradation product of chemicals regionally discarded in large quantities by industrial, commercial and residential users, but discarded by the Company in insignificant quantities. Vinyl chloride becomes a gas at less than 8° F and would not be expected to have reached groundwater in large quantities at the Hicksville Site.

Ubiquitous Regional Use of Solvents

A study performed in Suffolk County traced a plume of vinyl chloride in groundwater to a commercial dry cleaning establishment. The dry cleaner did not use vinyl chloride, but did use perchloroethylene (tetrachloroethylene). This solvent was converted either in the dry cleaning operation, or by biologic action in the septic system and groundwater, into vinyl chloride. The perchloroethylene, a common dry cleaning solvent, was apparently converted into trichloroethylene, then into dichloroethylenes, and finally into vinyl chloride (monochloroethylene). Trichloroethylene was itself a then commonly used metal degreaser and also could degrade to vinyl chloride. The biological degradation of tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene to vinyl chloride has been described in "Transformations of tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene in Microcosms and Groundwater," F. Parsons, Paul R. Wood and Jack DeMarco, J. Amer. Water Works Assoc. February, 1984 pp. 56-59. A different degradation pathway occurs when solvents are exposed to hot metal surfaces in the presence of water, such as occurs in metal degreasers. This thermal-hydrolytic

breakdown of solvents to form vinyl chloride was described in "The Chemistry of Synthetic Resin," C. Ellis, Reinhold Publishing, N.Y., 1935, p. 1035.

Further, through studies reported by the Nassau County Department of Health in 1979 and other government agencies, we now know that a significant source of chemicals in the groundwater on Long Island was the individual consumer use of solvents in septic systems. In Nassau County alone, 76,000 gallons of solvents were introduced directly into the groundwater in 1979 in the form of cesspool cleaning and drain opening products. In a May, 1979 survey performed by Nassau County [Attachment 6], the county estimated a yearly sales volume of 76,000 gallons of organic cesspool cleaning and drain opening products. These included 17,400 gallons per year of methylene chloride; 18,600 gallons per year of 1,1,1-trichloroethane and other halogenated compounds. These chemicals were added directly to the groundwater by consumers who poured these solvents into their septic systems. The study was prompted by the discovery of chemicals in wells throughout Long Island. The study lists 11 categories of products and about 230 brands that have the potential to contaminate the groundwater.

The Company did use trichloroethylene, but differently from the typical use of this solvent. The typical use by industrial, commercial (such as automotive garages) and residential users was as a degreaser. After use, the solvent would be discarded. In contrast, the trichloroethylene used by the Company became a component of a product. [Attachment 2 at p. 228, 195] It was not discarded after use and only a trace would appear in any process waste water. Tetrachloroethylene was an integral part of the manufacturing process and it is estimated that less than 40 pounds per year of tetrachloroethylene were discharged to recharge basins [Attachment 2, p. 196]. About 50 pounds per year of vinyl chloride monomer were discharged. Even these estimates are biased on the high side because they are based on the higher production years in the late 1970's. It is unlikely that much of the vinyl chloride reached the groundwater, because it boils at 7.9 degrees Fahrenheit and becomes a gas. No chlorinated solvents other than those already discussed were discharged by the Company. [Attachment 2, p. 194 and Attachment 15]

Industrial Neighborhood of Hicksville Site

The Hicksville Site is a 14-acre site in the midst of a thousand acre industrial area. Its largest neighbor occupies or occupied property on three sides of the

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Hicksville Site. The Industrial Chemical Survey (NYS DEC 1981) reported that this neighbor had used 1,377,457 pounds of trichloroethylene and 281,288 pounds of tetrachloroethylene annually since 1971. [Attachment 11] Nassau County estimated that the same neighbor used 53 percent of the trichloroethylene used by industry in 1978 in Nassau County. The Company's Ruco Division also used trichloroethylene, but it was incorporated in a product and not discarded. Its use, estimated at 170,000 pounds per year, had ended by mid-1975.

Site Investigations

The Company has extensively studied the Hicksville Site. This study, beginning in 1983, involved the installation of 12 monitor wells at six locations on the Site, the collection and analysis of two rounds of groundwater samples from the wells, and collection and analysis of more than 80 samples from an area at and around a 6 foot by 6 foot area where PCBs were apparently spilled. Although some trace contamination of groundwater is detectable on-site, the available data shows that trace contamination may originate to the east on the property of a Site neighbor as well as upgradient to the north from other sources. As noted this neighbor occupies or occupied property on three sides of the Site, and there is reason to believe that groundwater flows from its property, onto the Hooker/Ruco Site, then back onto the neighbor's site. Any groundwater flowing back onto the neighbor's site is presumably captured by its pumpage, and treated in its treatment systems. The maps in Attachments 9 and 10 indicate the widespread historical presence of solvents and vinyl chloride in the areas surrounding the Hicksville Site. They also appear to show a relationship between trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene concentrations and vinyl chloride concentrations in groundwater at some distance cross gradient from the Hicksville Site.

The only significant contamination remaining on-site is PCB residues on soil in a small section of the Site. We believe adequate data is now available to define this contamination, but we have agreed to undertake more sampling as part of the RI/FS which U.S. EPA has determined must be undertaken. The Company was prepared to remediate this area in cooperation with the NYS DEC, when further action was halted by the removal of the NYS DEC as the lead agency by the U.S. EPA.

Estimates of Types and Quantities of Waste

A number of attempts have been made to estimate the types and quantities of waste produced by the Company's Hicksville plant. These efforts started in 1978 and attempted to identify the wastes produced based on then current activities and recollections of on-site personnel. Due to the passage of years, very little information is available today. Thus, this response does not attempt to calculate the number of pounds of an individual chemical which may have been disposed as trace components of wastewater discharged to on-site recharge basins decades ago. Any such calculation would be fiction.

We have, instead, attempted to provide a picture of the overall operations at the Site during the period of Company ownership. You have expressed interest in analyses of effluents which were discharged to the recharge basins. Until the mid-1970's, standard analytical procedures for the determination of specific organic compounds such as vinyl chloride and even the common solvents trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene and 1,1,1-trichloroethane at trace levels in water were not available. As a result, sampling results that are available are for the most part conventional parameters such as pH, total suspended solids (TSS), and biological oxygen demand (BOD). We did not believe this type of sampling result would be helpful to you and have not included such information in this response.

Also, the concentrations of Ruco chemicals historically reported in process water greatly overstate the concentrations to be found in the sumps because of the large amount of reactor rinse water and non-contact cooling water reaching the sump in addition to process waste water. This is described below in the section entitled "Water Supply". We would estimate that the comparable concentrations in the sumps would be greatly reduced by this dilution.

Answers to EPA Questions

Numbers and letters in parentheses refer to the questions in your letter. Where sufficient data is not available to respond to your questions, no response is included.

Question 1

(1.b.) The Company president is J. R. Hirl, the Chairman of the Board is R. Irani, and the Chief Executive Officer is R. Irani. Their address is Occidental Chemical

Corporation, Occidental Tower, P.O. Box 809050, Dallas, Texas 75380. (1.c.) The Company is incorporated in New York. (1.d.) The Company has subsidiaries; however none is a significant operating company in this country and none had any relationship to the Hicksville Site. (1.d.) The Company's ultimate parent is Occidental Petroleum Corporation ("OPC"). The President is R. Irani and the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is Dr. Armand Hammer. Their address is 10889 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90024. OPC is incorporated in Delaware. (1.e.) Both the Company and OPC accept service of process through CT Corporation.

Question 2

The Hicksville Plant Site was developed by (2.f.) Rubber Corporation of America, a small privately-held company. (2.b. and 2.c.) Operations at the Site began in 1945 and included natural rubber latex storage, concentrating and compounding. Five years later, the plant began producing small volumes of plasticizers. These activities were expanded and modified through the years. (2.d.) In 1965, a polyvinyl chloride plant was built, and was initially operated under the name Insular Chemical Corporation. This plant continued in operation until 1975. (2.a.) Hooker Chemical Company purchased Rubber Corporation of America in 1965, and operated the facility as the Ruco Division. (2.d.) Hooker has undergone several name changes, with the current name being Occidental Chemical Company. (2.b. and 2.c.) The Site was sold to employees in February 1982. Thus Occidental Chemical Company or the Rubber Corporation of America owned and operated the Site between 1945 and 1982. The Site is now operated by a privately held corporation under the name (2.f.) Ruco Chemical Corporation which is not affiliated with the Company. (2.e.) Although the Company did not lease any portion of the Site to third parties, the office building for the plant was a leased building north of the Site.

PVC (polyvinyl chloride) was a key material in the products made at the Site. Prior to 1955 this material was purchased from outside sources. In 1956, a partnership was formed with Ross & Roberts of Stratford, Connecticut to construct and operate a PVC production facility at the Hicksville Site. This joint venture was known as Insular Chemical Corporation. Insular was later dissolved when Rubber Corporation of America purchased its partner's share. Today, no distinction is made between the property which was under the control of Insular and the property which was

owned by Rubber Corporation of America. The Site encompasses all of this property.

Through the years in which the Company operated the Site, various processes were employed including the manufacture of polyesters, polyurethanes, and specialty plasticizers for the vinyl industry. As mentioned above, during the period 1956 to 1975, polyvinyl chloride was produced at the Site. Other products included vinyl film and sheeting, solution polyurethanes and polyurethane latexes, dry blends and pelletized plastic compounds. A pilot plant produced polyester, plasticizer and polyurethane products, and the laboratory was utilized for organic chemical synthesis and technical service. [Abramowitz Testimony - Attachment 2]

Question 3. Processes

In the following discussion, each of the production processes is discussed separately.

(3.c) To provide an insight into the wide variety of raw materials which were used in the Hicksville processes, we have included a copy of a letter to the Nassau County Department of Health dated January 5, 1977 which includes lists of raw materials used at the Site from 1970 to 1976. [Attachment 7 - Raw Material Lists.]

(3.f) Process flow sheets are attached [Attachment 8] for monoester, polyester, polyurethane, and latex production. A similar flow sheet was not available for PVC.

Where responses are incomplete, the lack of information is primarily due to the detail requested. Due to the passage of years, little information remains on the details of production.

3.a. Latex and Latex Compounding

This process operated from 1945 to 1971. (3.c.) The process involved the co-polymerization of styrene and butadiene under pressure, in the presence of water, in a reactor with the aid of catalysts, additives, heat and agitation. The resultant product was a milky liquid, known as a latex. This latex product was sold as-is to other manufacturers for final use, or was further concentrated and modified by the Company. In the concentration process, the latex was circulated under heat and vacuum to gently remove water. Latex compounds were made by dispersing additives such as pigments and fillers into the raw latex to provide

special characteristics desired by the customer. Latex is considered non-hazardous, and is used in the manufacture of surgical gloves and other rubber goods. It is also the base for the manufacture of chewing gum and is used in the manufacture of adhesives. (3.b.) Production of latex is estimated to have been about 40,000 pounds per week.

There were only two wastes from the process, one a solid and the other aqueous. The solid waste was dried latex rubber which was generated by the drying of spilled latex or by the peeling of dried latex rubber from equipment during cleaning operations. About 300 pounds per week of this waste were produced. This waste is non-hazardous and was added to the plant trash for off-site sanitary disposal. (3.j.) The liquid waste was generated from a vacuum stripping operation and from periodic flushing of equipment. The water from the vacuum stripping contained small quantities of styrene and butadiene. This water was routed to outdoor recharge basins, along with the reactor flushings. These latex wastes are regarded as harmless.

Periodically, the recharge basin bottom was scraped, and these scrapings, containing a mixture of soil and coagulated rubber, were sent off-site for landfilling. When the latex operations were closed in 1971, the recharge basin was drained.

In 1970 a 10,000 gallon outdoor storage tank of styrene (nearly full) polymerized to a solid mass. After the reaction cooled, the tank was completely solidified with polystyrene, the plastic used to make clear plastic drinking cups and the material used in making foamed plastic coffee cups. This tank was sent off-site for disposal.

3.a. Esterification

In 1950, the Company began making small quantities of monoesters (plasticizers). Polyesters were added as a product line in 1959. These were manufactured in jacketed reactors equipped with agitation and condensers. (3.c.) These esters were made by reacting organic acids, such as adipic acid with alcohols or glycols, such as octyl alcohol or ethylene glycol with the help of heat and a catalyst. Water was a by-product which was removed to allow the reaction to proceed to completion. In some products, perchloroethylene was added as an inert carrier for this water of esterification. This water was removed by vacuum distillation. The perchloroethylene and water carried over some of the reactants, such as the alcohols or glycols. In the case of plasticizer production, an excess of alcohol was

used to facilitate water removal from the product. This recovered material was saved for recycling to the following batch. Over the years, trimellitate plasticizers, maleate esters, fumarate esters, and more recently, polyesters were made. Caprylates and pelargonates were also made.

Wastes from the process included both solids and liquids. Decolorizing carbon was added during plasticizer manufacturing to reduce color formation. This carbon was removed from the product by filtration through a filter press. The filter cake removed from the press was sent off-site for disposal. (3.j.) Liquid wastes, including water with dissolved organic acids, alcohols and glycols were originally sent to an outside recharge basin. From 1975 on, these wastes were incinerated on-site under permit from New York State. (3.b. and 3.d.) In 1978, at a production rate of 26 million pounds per year, the plant was incinerating about 4,000 gallons per day of waste water (around 12 million pounds per year.) This is the highest production rate experienced in any previous year. This wastewater stream contained one to ten percent of mixed glycols and alcohols. The wastewater stream also contained perchloroethylene (with an estimated discharge of about 40 pounds annually), at times methanol, and also organic acids such as adipic, trimellitic, phthalic, and isophthalic. Some of these materials have other very common uses, such as adipic acid which is an FDA approved food acidulant, and ethylene glycol which is used in anti-freeze. Non-aqueous wastes were sent off-site for disposal, either by landfilling or incineration.

(3.b.) the Company's ester production increased from small initial quantities of perhaps one million pounds in 1950 to about 26 million pounds in 1978.

3.a. Vinyl Film & Sheet

(3.c.) In this process, PVC resin was blended with plasticizers, pigments, stabilizers and other additives prior to hot mixing and feeding to a calender. A calender is a series of large, heated metal rolls between which the molten plastic mass is fed through increasingly smaller clearances, until a film or sheet of the desired thickness is formed. The hot sheet is finally peeled from the last roll and passed over a series of cooling rolls before reaching a wind-up station. The only wastes generated in this process were scraps of plastic and floor sweepings. These harmless plastic pieces were added to the plant trash for off-site disposal. There were no liquid wastes from this process. (3.a.) The calendering operation at the Site

started in 1952 and ceased operation in 1969. (3.b.) Annual production was about 7 million pounds per year.

3.a. PVC Resins

The Company manufactured PVC resins by a well known suspension process of polymerization. (3.c.) The primary raw material for this process was vinyl chloride monomer, a material which is a gas at atmospheric temperatures and pressures. Under pressure, or refrigeration below 7.9 degrees Fahrenheit, the monomer becomes a liquid. The monomer was received in rail cars, and was fed into jacketed reactors under pressure, along with water, suspending agents (soaps), buffers, and catalyst. In the agitated reactors, under pressure, and somewhat elevated temperature, the vinyl chloride was converted to polyvinyl chloride resin in a slurry with water. Whereas the monomer is a gas under atmospheric conditions, the polymer is a solid white powder. Although the process initially requires heat to start the reaction, as the reaction proceeds, cooling is required to control the temperature. This cooling was provided by circulating non-contact water through the reactor jacket. The reaction was usually allowed to proceed to 90 to 95 percent of completion, after which the unreacted monomer was stripped from the batch in a separate stripping vessel, condensed and recovered for recycling. The stripped resin slurry was then centrifuged to remove most of the water, and was finally sent through a rotary dryer to remove the remaining moisture. (3.c.) Some products required the addition of vinyl acetate to the reactor to produce a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate. The basic process was similar, but vinyl acetate was added to the reaction mixture, and the catalyst and additives were adjusted.

(3.a. and 3.b) Starting in 1956, the facility operated at an average rate of 9 million pounds of product per year. The process was shut down in 1975.

Wastes from this process consisted mainly of aqueous effluent from the centrifuge and rinse water from the reactors. (3.j.) These wastes were discharged to outdoor recharge basins. (3.e.) Each year, about two million gallons of process wastewater were discharged to the recharge basins. Leaving the process, the wastewater stream probably contained 600 to 1,200 parts per million of dissolved organics. Included in the dissolved organics were trace levels of unreacted monomer. A former plant employee estimated that the total level of monomer in the wastewater was about two to three parts per million. [Attachment 1,

Abramowitz letter, June 5, 1979.] Since the individual formulations varied, so did the ratio of components in the wastewater. A breakdown of contaminants based on a typical copolymer formulation may be two to three parts per million vinyl chloride, 100 to 175 parts per million gelatin, 100 to 175 parts per million methocel (a soluble form of cellulose), 50 to 100 parts per million barium-cadmium stabilizer, a trace of trichloroethylene and lauric acid, about 100 parts per million of sodium acetate/bicarbonate, and 250 to 650 parts per million of vinyl acetate. The barium and cadmium soaps were in use only for a short period of the plant operation. Only during this period would traces of these materials have been present in the wastewater. The 2 to 3 parts per million VCM is the equivalent of about 50 pounds per year. (2 million gallons x 8.33 pounds per gallon x 3 parts per million = 49.98 pounds.)

An important point is that, in addition to the 2 million gallons of process water, an equal quantity of relatively clean reactor rinse water was discharged. Also, non-contact cooling water was used. Thus, the actual concentration of materials reaching the groundwater would be much less than the above estimates for process water.

In addition to the dissolved organics the wastewater contained very finely divided particles of PVC which were too small to be captured by the centrifuge. In the recharge basins, the PVC settled out, and most of the vinyl chloride evaporated into the atmosphere due to its high volatility. About once per year, the recharge basin bottoms were scraped, and these scrapings, primarily containing PVC resins, were removed for off-site landfill disposal. The PVC operation ceased in 1975.

3.a. Polyurethanes

These products were manufactured either in 55-gallon drums or in temperature controlled reactors. (3.a.) Small scale production began in 1962. (3.c.) Raw materials were normally polyesters, a di-isocyanate, glycol-type chain extenders, and a catalyst. Solvents, such as toluene and dimethyl formamide (DMF), were added to keep the final product in a fluid condition. Temperature control was essential for product quality and uniformity, and the process took place under constant agitation. The final product was a high molecular weight polyurethane resin in solvent solution. (3.e.) Water was not used in this process other than as non-contact steam or cooling water.

Two types of liquid wastes were produced in the process. Non-halogenated solvents, such as toluene, were used periodically to flush the reactors to provide clean reactors for product changes. These flushings were sent off-site for incineration. The second type of waste was off-specification product. If the product could not meet specifications, it was sent off-site for landfill disposal.

3.a. Vinyl Compounds

Two basic types of vinyl compounds were manufactured by the Company at the Hicksville Site, dry blends and pellets. (3.c.) In either case, about 90 percent of the formulation was PVC resin, with the remainder being such additives as pigments, lubricants, heat stabilizers and impact modifiers. (3.a.) The compounding operations started in 1958. The dry blends were made by placing this mixture in a high speed blender, and mixing vigorously for a few minutes. The friction of the mixing caused a heat build-up, so the mixture would then be quickly discharged to a cooler to prevent decomposition. This product was then suitable for some uses, such as the manufacture of vinyl phonograph records. Other uses required the formation of pellets, so the dry blend was fed through an extruder, which melted the material, and forced it through a die with a rotating knife at its face to produce a pelletized product. This type of product was used for the manufacture of clear plastic bottles and blister packaging. (3.e.) Water was not used in this process.

Waste from the compounding process was mostly paper sacks in which the raw material arrived, and some floor sweepings. In the early days of plant operation, the paper bags were bundled and sent off-site along with the floor sweepings for municipal landfilling. Later, the bags were compacted and sent to a secure landfill, along with the floor sweepings. There were no liquid wastes from this process.

Question 3.g, 3.i, 3.j

It is our belief that the wastewater disposed of on-site in the recharge basins was not and is not hazardous due to either the innocuous nature of the components or the low concentration of those materials which today may be considered hazardous. Of those chemicals now listed as hazardous substances pursuant to CERCLA §101(14), only the following would have been found in the Company's waste at various times and not necessarily above reportable quantities: adipic acid, barium, cadmium, methanol,

methylethylketone, phthalate esters, phthalic anhydride, polychlorobiphenyls (PCBs), styrene (but not polystyrene), tetrachloroethylene, toluene, trichloroethylene, urethane (but not polyurethane), vinyl acetate monomer (but not polyvinyl acetate), vinyl chloride monomer (but not polyvinyl chloride).

We have not included information relating to off-site disposal as the thrust of your inquiry is related to the RI/FS at the Hicksville Site which is being conducted by the Company pursuant to a Consent Order with U.S. EPA.

Reference should also be made to responses above in Question 3.

Question 4. On-site Waste Storage/Disposal

Latex solidified in three storage tanks and these tanks could no longer be used. In 1974 these tanks were removed from Plant 1 and were buried at the Site between the parking lot and the railroad right-of-way. These tanks were filled with sand and covered. The latex is not considered hazardous.

In the latex operation, latex was moved by trailer from Plant 2 to Plant 1 where it was concentrated. In time, the trailer would become encrusted internally with solid latex rubber, and the tank trailer would be discarded. In approximately 1962 a trailer was buried on the property between the Plant 2 solvent tank farm and the PVC catalyst cold room. Plant personnel believe that a second trailer was shipped off-site for disposal.

Reference should also be made to the answer to Question 6.

Question 5. Spills and Releases from Processes

In 1978 the plant was using 33,000 pounds of Speedi-Dri to soak-up and clean-up chemical spills (plasticizer, 2 - ethylhexanol and other alcohols, polyester, polyurethane, urethane latex and oil spills). Plant personnel estimated that about one-half part of organic was absorbed in each part of Speedi-Dri, thus the amount of spilled material was about 16,000 pounds per year.

Occasionally, ester plant wastes overflowed their concrete sumps (which fed the incinerator) and entered the now inactive Plant 1 Ester Plant Recharge Basin.

For some time, the Pilot Plant hot oil system used oil containing PCBs. Periodically, the system had upsets in which oil erupted through a relief pipe, ran down the outside of the building, and soaked into the ground. This ground area was believed at the time to be about six feet square. The system was converted to non-PCB oils, and the contaminated area was paved over. This area has been studied since 1983 to define the extent of the PCB contamination. The most recent samples were taken on February 18 through March 18, 1988. The area of contamination is largely defined at this time. The most recent sampling and analysis report was presented to the U.S. EPA on June 23, 1988.

Question 6. Other Spills and Releases

The Company has had occasional spills of raw materials during transfer operations. These spills have been cleaned up, and the clean-up materials have been sent off-site for landfill disposal. One such spill in 1982 was 300 to 500 gallons of isodecyl alcohol which was spilled when a temporary transfer line broke. The spilled material was soaked up with Speedi-Dri and visibly contaminated dirt was removed. Spills such as this were reported to Nassau County as well as the NYS DEC.

Over the period that the ester plant was operating, the bulk truck loading and unloading operations resulted in minor dripping and minor leakage of plasticizer, alcohols, and latex in the ester tank farm area. There were also occasional tank overflows. The area used for the loading/unloading was neither paved nor diked. As a result, the spills could soak into the ground, and under storm conditions, the spills could be washed to the back recharge basin.

Similarly, the area to the west rear of Plant 1 where plasticizer trucks were loaded would have received minor drippings and spillage. This area was not paved, and during storm conditions would have been a source of plasticizer to the back recharge basins.

For a period of time, several hundred drums of wastes were stored on-site in areas both north and south of Plant 2. These were stored until arrangements were made for appropriate off-site disposal. The drums contained such waste as 2-ethyl hexanol, other alcohols, perchloroethylene, solution urethane, solvents such as dimethyl formamide, toluene, methyl ethyl ketone, isopropyl alcohol, waste plasticizer, waste polyester, and filter cakes. Due the

long storage time, some of the drums rusted through, allowing the contents to be released to the ground. The drums were removed and sent for disposal off-site. Soil contamination remaining may have resulted in stormwater contamination. This stormwater would discharge to the Pilot Plant Recharge Basin.

Question 7. Pilot Plant & Laboratory Processes

The laboratory was used for a wide variety of process research and quality control functions associated with the plant operations. Wastes and effluents from the laboratory were minimal.

Laboratory and pilot plant synthesis processes and the chemicals they employed were essentially small scale versions of the plant manufacturing operations. There was a pilot scale hot oil system in the Pilot Plant. Periodically this system had upsets in which PCBs were released. This is discussed in the answer to Question 5.

Question 8. Storage Tank Leak Tests

On review of our files, we could find no information regarding tank leak tests. A listing of all storage tanks, capacities, materials stored in each tank, and how they are handled was submitted to the Nassau County Department of Health as part of the Site Spill Control Plan. [Attachment 3-Letter: P.B. DeVries to Nassau County Department of Health, April 29, 1981.]

Question 9. Lagoons/Septic Tanks

Although no septic tanks are in use at the Site today, at the time of Company ownership, there were five septic tanks in use. These septic tanks were used only for sanitary wastes. They were permitted to discharge a total of 4,000 gallons per day to the groundwater. [Attachment 4 - 1981 Underground Injection Control Questionnaire.] There were and are no lagoons on the Site. References should be made to Question 13 relating to recharge basins.

Question 10. Water Supply

Originally, the Company water supply was primarily from on-site wells. These wells have now been shut down, and water is supplied from City mains. Company pumpage during the period January 1960 to January 1969 (a period for which records were available) averaged about 95,000 gallons per day. In 1958, these wells were permitted to pump 600,000

gallons per day, with a maximum of 120 million gallons in one year. In 1960, the pumpage was about 330,000 gallons per day. As the wells were taken out of service, this dwindled to about 35,000 gallons per day in 1968. One by one, the wells were shut down because of clogging from a build-up of naturally occurring iron bacteria. These wells were N5368 installed in May, 1955; and well N3450 installed in March of 1950, rebuilt in October, 1955 and shut down in July, 1960; and N5390 installed in October 1955 and shut down in June 1965. Occasional well use continued until October 1970, however. [Logs of these wells are included as Attachment 5.]

Question 11. Plan of Site

The U.S. EPA and their contractor, EBASCO, have been provided with drawings of the Site.

Question 12. Production and Monitoring Wells

The original water supply for the Site was primarily from on-site wells. These wells were N5368 installed in May, 1955; and well N3450 installed in March, 1950 and rebuilt in October 1955; and N5390, installed in October 1955. [Logs of these wells are included as Attachment 5.] Company pumpage during the period January 1960 to January 1969 (a period for which records were available) averaged about 95,000 gallons per day. In a 1964 form submitted to the Nassau County Department of Health, the pumpage was estimated to be from 68,400 to 102,600 gallons per day [Attachment 14]. In 1958 these wells were permitted to withdraw 600,000 gallons per day. These wells were in operation at various rates of withdrawal from 1950 to 1970. After this time they were shut down because of clogging from a build-up of naturally occurring iron bacteria.

Twelve monitoring wells were installed in two well clusters at six locations on the Site in 1983. Well logs and construction details have been provided to the U.S. EPA. The first set of groundwater samples were obtained from January 30 to February 7, 1984. A second set of groundwater samples were obtained during the period from May 6 to May 10, 1985. The results of this sampling and analysis were reported in a February 1986 report entitled "Report of Groundwater & Soils Investigation at The Former Ruco Division Plant Site, Hicksville, New York. This report has been given to the U.S. EPA.

Question 13. Recharge Basins

During the early days of plant operations, recharge basins were used for the treatment/disposal of all plant effluents, including PVC production effluents, effluents from the latex operation, and effluents from ester manufacturing. These discharges took place under New York SPDES Permit. The latex operation ceased in 1971, at which time its basin was drained and cleaned out. The on-site incinerator for ester wastes came online in early 1975, eliminating the discharge of ester wastewater to the ground. Following the PVC process shutdown in 1975, the recharge basins received only stormwater. Each of these is described further below.

You have expressed interest in analyses of effluents which were discharged to the recharge basins. Until the mid 1970s, standard analytical procedures for the determination of specific organic compounds such as vinyl chloride and even the common solvents trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane were not available. As a result, sampling results that are available are for the most part conventional parameters such as pH, total suspended solids (TSS), and biological oxygen demand (BOD). We did not believe this type of sampling result would be helpful to you, and have not included such information in this response.

PVC, Vinyl Chloride/Vinyl Acetate Copolymer, and Latex Recharge Basins - Plant 2:

In 1956, the Company went on-stream with a PVC resin facility making both PVC (polyvinyl chloride) and vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate copolymer. Production rate of this suspension plant was about 10 million pounds per year. Approximately two million gallons of process wastewater were discharged annually to the Plant 2 Recharge Basins. This wastewater contained about 0.1 percent PVC resin solids (too fine to be collected by the process centrifuge), and contained 600 to 1,200 parts per million dissolved organics. Included in the dissolved organics were trace levels of unreacted monomer. A former plant employee estimates that the total level of monomer in the wastewater was about two to three parts per million. [Attachment 1] This is the equivalent of about 50 pounds of vinyl chloride per year. Since the individual formulations varied, so did the ratio of components in the wastewater. A breakdown of contaminants based on a typical copolymer formulation may be two to three parts per million vinyl chloride, 100 to 175

parts per million gelatin, 100 to 175 parts per million barium-cadmium stabilizer, a trace of trichloroethylene and lauric acid, about 100 parts per million of sodium acetate/bicarbonate, and 250 to 650 parts per million of vinyl acetate. The barium and cadmium soaps were in use only for a short period of the plant operation. Only during this period, would traces of these materials have been present in the wastewater. After approximately five production batches, the reactors needed to be entered and manually cleaned due to the build-up of product on the walls. Before and after this cleaning the reactors were rinsed. The amount of this rinse water was about 2 million gallons per year and would dilute the concentrations described above upon entering the recharge basins. This water was sent to the Plant 2 recharge basins.

In addition, recharge basins for Plant 2 received wastewater from a vacuum stripping operation used in latex processing between 1956 and 1975. The wastewater probably contained some styrene and lesser amounts of butadiene. Also, rosin acid soaps may have entered the recharge basins during plant upsets.

Ester Plant Recharge Basin - Plant 1:

From 1951 to 1974, process waste from ester production was fed to the Ester Plant Recharge Basin. The ester production gradually increased from five million pounds per year in 1951 to 26 million pounds per year in 1978. In 1978, about 4,000 gallons per day of wastewater were being produced (about 12 million pounds per year). Based on an approximate two percent organic content, the plant in 1978 was disposing of about 250,000 pounds per year of organic waste, which formerly entered the recharge basin. Since 1975, these wastes have been incinerated in an on-site incinerator, and the recharge basin was taken out of service. The basin continued to receive discharges to the floor drains in the Pilot Plant, however. The discharges to the floor drains were apparently stopped late in 1976.

The wastewater that at one time entered the basin contained one to ten percent mixed glycols and alcohols. It also contained organic acids such as adipic, trimellitic, phthalic, and isophthalic. The waste stream also contained small amounts of perchloroethylene and, at times, methanol.

Cooling Tower/Boiler Blowdown and Other Recharged Water:

The plant discharged substantial quantities of water other than process water. In 1978, about 10,800 gallons per day (3,600,000 gallons per year) of cooling tower and boiler blowdown were discharged to the Pilot Plant Recharge Basin. The design flow of these non-contact discharge was listed as 25,000 gallons per day in the May 8, 1975 SPDES application. [Attachment 12] In a July 29, 1977 Nassau County Department of Health Memorandum the cooling tower and boiler blowdown are listed as 10,000 gallons per day each. [Attachment 13] These blowdowns contained low levels of approved boiler and cooling tower treatment chemicals. Before the installation of the cooling tower, much more water was used. As noted previously, the plant was permitted to pump 600,000 gallons per day in 1958, and actual pumpage in 1960 was about 330,000 gallons per day. Most of this water was non-contact cooling water discharged to the recharge basins.

During the period 1956 to 1975, City water was demineralized for use in the Plant 2 PVC and latex processes. Regeneration acids and caustic were discharged to the basin behind Plant 2.

Question 14. Recharge Basin Cleanout

The above discussed recharge basins required periodic cleanout. The materials cleaned from the basins were sent to off-site landfills for disposal. The Plant 2 and Plant 1 basins were cleaned approximately once per year. This material consisted primarily of sand and gravel with resin.

Question 15. Non-insurance Indemnification

There is no non-insurance indemnification.

Question 16. Insurance Indemnification

Occidental has maintained a series of liability insurance programs over the years which would be responsive to its liability at the Hicksville Site, if any. Each such successive insurance programs involved a number of primary and excess coverage layers. The extent of such coverage's responsibility for environmental liabilities, including at Hicksville, is in litigation (Occidental Chemical Corporation, et.al v. Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, et. al, N.Y. Sup. Ct., Erie Co.) Index No. 41009-80).

Attachments

1. Letter Raymond J. Abramowitz, June 5, 1979.
2. Statement of Raymond J. Abramowitz before the House of Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight.
3. Letter: P.B. DeVries to Nassau County Department of Health, April 29, 1981.
4. 1981 Underground Injection Control Questionnaire.
5. Production Well Logs,
6. Report on Survey of Consumer Products Containing or Suspected of Containing Harmful Organic Chemicals and Having the Potential of Contaminating the Groundwater of Nassau County, New York; May 1979; Nassau County Department of Health.
7. Raw Material Lists.
8. Process Flow Sheets.
9. Map: Maximum Concentrations of 1,2 Dichloroethylene, 1,1,2 Trichloroethylene and Tetrachloroethylene adjacent to the Hicksville Site for the period November 1975 to August 1983.
10. Map: Maximum concentrations of vinyl chloride adjacent to the Hicksville Site for the period November 1975 to April 1977.
11. Industrial Chemical Survey (NYS DEC) Submission dated June 8, 1981.
12. 5/8/75 SPDES Application.
13. Nassau County Department of Health Memorandum 7/29/77.
14. Industrial Water Use and Wastewater Disposal Practices Survey 7/21/64.
15. Memorandum from R.J. Abramowitz to Michael Whiteman - June 28, 1979 regarding use of chemicals.

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Attn: Keith Watson, Esq.

Dear Keith,

We agreed to estimate, for the Sub-Committee, the components in the PVC waste water totaling 600-1200 ppm, as mentioned on p. 11 of the J.B. Harrison document dated 8-18-78. Our best breakdown based on a typical copolymer formulation is as follows:

	<u>PPM</u>
vinyl chloride	2-3
gelatin	100-175
methocel	100-175
barium-cadmium stabilizer	50-100
trichloroethylene	trace
lauric acid	trace
sodium acetate/bicarbonate	100
vinyl acetate	250-650
approx. total range	600-1200

Yours truly,
HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY

Raymond J. Abramowitz
Technical Director

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cc: J. B. Harrison
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1 TESTIMONY OF RAYMOND J. ABRAMOWITZ, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR,
2 RUCO DIVISION, HOOKER CHEMICAL COMPANY

3 Mr. Abramowitz. Chairman Eckhardt, Congressman Lent,
4 members of the subcommittee staff, good afternoon. I
5 guess we are last but not least, Hooker Chemical.

6 My name is Raymond J. Abramowitz. I am Technical
7 Director of the Ruco Division, which is a part of the
8 plastics group of Hooker Chemical Company. In my position
9 as Technical Director, I have divisional environmental
10 coordination responsibilities for Hooker's facilities in
11 Hicksville, Long Island and Burlington, New Jersey.
12 Although my office is presently located at the Burlington
13 plant, I spent 23 years working at the Hicksville
14 facility.

15 I appreciate the opportunity to appear before the
16 subcommittee and to discuss Long Island groundwater
17 contamination problems that are of mutual concern to
18 Hooker and the subcommittee's members. Although the
19 principal focus of my remarks will be upon Hooker waste
20 management activities at Hicksville, it may be useful to
21 first briefly describe the history and current operations
22 of our Hicksville plant.

23 The Hicksville plant site was developed by the Rubber
24 Corporation of America, a small privately-held company.
25 Operations began as far back as 1945. Those initial

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1 operations included natural rubber latex storage,
2 concentrating and compounding. Five years later, the
3 plant began producing small volumes of plasticizers.
4 Through the years, these activities were expanded, new
5 product lines were added, and a few lines were
6 discontinued or transferred to other plant sites. For
7 example, in 1956, a polyvinyl chloride plant began
8 operations which continued until 1975. I will return to a
9 detailed discussion of our PVC operations in a few
10 moments.

11 The Hicksville plant is now owned by Hooker Chemical,
12 which purchased it from the Rubber Corporation of America
13 in 1965. Today, the facility employs 125 individuals and
14 annually manufactures nearly 50 million pounds of plastic
15 products. These products and operations include the
16 following:

17 One, we make polyesters for polyurethanes and
18 specialty plasticizers for the vinyl industry. These
19 products eventually become part of wire and cable
20 insulation, panty-hose, shoe soles and numerous other
21 consumer products.

22 Two, solution polyurethanes and a recently-developed
23 line of polyurethane latexes.

24 Three, dryblends and pelletized plastic compounds for
25 pipe fittings, bottles, vinyl records and specialty

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1 extrusion and injection molding compounds.

2 Four, polyester, plasticizer and polyurethane
3 products which are in a pilot plant development mode.

4 And, lastly, we do have an organic synthesis
5 laboratory which also performs technical service
6 functions.

7 With this background, I would like to address the
8 subject of today's hearing: groundwater contamination on
9 Long Island. We have been concerned about reports of the
10 presence of vinyl chloride and chlorinated hydrocarbons in
11 Long Island groundwater and equally concerned with
12 allegations associating our Hicksville facility with this
13 problem. To set the record straight, I will explain the
14 nature and disposition of our vinyl chloride and
15 chlorinated hydrocarbon wastes.

16 Polyvinyl chloride - or PVC, as it is more commonly
17 known - was manufactured at our Hicksville plant from 1956
18 to 1975. During the 19-year period, production never
19 reached name-plate capacity of the plant, and the average
20 annual output was approximately eight million pounds per
21 year - that is, of polyvinyl chloride.

22 In the suspension PVC process used at our Hicksville
23 facility and by other leading manufacturers, vinyl
24 chloride monomer was purchased in rail cars as a liquid
25 under pressure, and was received into above-ground storage

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1 tanks. This monomer, under pressure with water, was
2 charged to a reactor along with catalysts and other minor
3 additives and converted to polyvinyl chloride by
4 polymerization.

5 Unreacted monomer at the end of the reaction was
6 steam-stripped from the batch with vacuum, was condensed
7 and recovered for recycling in subsequent runs. The batch
8 at this stage was essentially a slurry of granules of
9 polymer in water. The slurry was then fed to a centrifuge
10 which spun off the majority of the water from the PVC.
11 The final drying was completed in a rotary dryer.

12 The water effluent from our PVC production process
13 was discharged into an outdoor collection basin. Using
14 samples from the collection basin, tests were performed
15 for acidity, biological oxygen demand - BOD - chemical
16 oxygen demand - COD - suspended solids and total solids.
17 The test results were provided to the Bureau of Water
18 Pollution Control of the Nassau County Department of
19 Health.

20 Our PVC manufacturing process was essentially similar
21 to those practices in dozens of other larger installations
22 in the country and indeed throughout the world. The PVC
23 facility was operated in compliance with all government
24 regulations.

25 Among the wastes created by all PVC operations are

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1 small amounts of vinyl chloride. Vinyl chloride was first
2 identified as a possible human carcinogen in 1974, one
3 year prior to the closure of our PVC plant. Some have
4 alleged that the vinyl chloride in the aqueous effluents
5 from our former PVC operations was the source of
6 contamination of certain wells of our neighbors, Grumman
7 Aerospace Corporation and the Bethpage Water District.
8 For reasons I will explain in detail, we cannot agree with
9 these allegations.

10 We believe that extremely little, if any, vinyl
11 chloride in our effluent ever reached the groundwater.
12 According to our best information, our PVC wastewater
13 contained vinyl chloride at levels less than three parts
14 per million. This is equal to a maximum annual discharge
15 of about 60 pounds per year. However, vinyl chloride has
16 a low solubility in water and is a gas at normal
17 temperatures. Because our PVC wastewater was placed in
18 open-air lagoons, it appears that most, if not all, of the
19 traces of vinyl chloride in our effluent were dissipated
20 into the atmosphere.

21 Our conclusion in this regard is supported by the
22 Environmental Protection Agency's document entitled
23 Environmental Impact Statement on Vinyl Chloride. This
24 was published in October, 1975. In that document the EPA
25 states according to their own data, "essentially all"

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1 vinyl chloride in wastewater is released into the
2 atmosphere.

3 To assure that our employees were not adversely
4 affected by our PVC operations, we conducted several
5 tests. In 1976, we tested our plant drinking water. We
6 found no evidence of vinyl chloride with a test
7 sensitivity of one part per billion. Likewise, prior to
8 the time we closed our plant in 1975, each plant employee
9 was given a NIOSH-recommended medical examination. No
10 symptoms associated with excessive vinyl chloride exposure
11 were found in the course of those examinations.

12 The question raised by our evidence is obvious and
13 important: If reports that vinyl chloride was found in the
14 neighboring wells are accurate and Hooker is not
15 responsible, what is the source of this contamination? I
16 regret, gentlemen, that we cannot provide your committee
17 with a definite answer at this time because we have not
18 had access to the reported test data. For example, over
19 the last 18 months, we have repeatedly requested the
20 Bethpage Water District to provide its well contamination
21 data to us so that we could discuss the matter. To date,
they have refused to do so.

22 Despite our lack of specific data, one fact is
23 known. That is that vinyl chloride is often found
24 undeniably in drinking water. Again according to an
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1 Environmental Protection Agency study, the cities of Miami
2 and Philadelphia have found vinyl chloride in their
3 municipal water supply - in amounts of 5.6 parts per
4 billion and 0.27 parts per billion, respectively - this
5 despite the fact that there are no PVC or vinyl chloride
6 plants anywhere in the vicinity of these two cities. The
7 source of this information, gentlemen, is an EPA document
8 entitled Scientific and Technical Assessment Report on
9 Vinyl Chloride and Polyvinyl Chloride, June, 1975.

10 To summarize with regard to vinyl chloride, our
11 evidence does not point to Hooker as the source of vinyl
12 chloride contamination. We are, however, concerned about
13 the reported vinyl chloride contaminations in the
14 Hicksville area and pledge our cooperation in helping to
15 identify the source.

16 I would like now to turn to the question of the
17 chlorinated hydrocarbons.

18 According to media reports, groundwater contamination
19 by chlorinated hydrocarbons is widespread on Long Island.
20 The specific chemicals identified in these reports have
21 included chloroform; methylene chloride; carbon
22 tetrachloride; 1,1,1-trichloroethylene; trichloroethylene;
23 and tetrachloroethylene. Of these six compounds, only the
24 latter two - trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene -
25 could possibly have ever been present in any of the

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1 discharges from Hooker's Hicksville facility. As I will
2 explain, our discharges of these two compounds were very
3 small, ceased entirely by 1975, and, we believe, had no
4 significant impact upon the quality of the groundwater.

5 First, let me discuss the chemical compound
6 trichloroethylene. Until 1975, we used small quantities
7 of trichloroethylene in the production process for some
8 resins made in the PVC plant. We believe that most of
9 this compound was consumed in the production process and
10 therefore never entered the waste stream. It is possible
11 that trace quantities of trichloroethylene were not
12 entirely consumed and may have been discharged in our
13 wastewater to the lagoons I have previously mentioned.
14 Although we cannot quantify the amounts in question, I am
15 confident that the amounts were minute and that they had
16 no significant impact upon the groundwater quality.

17 Let me now turn to the other hydrocarbon which Hooker
18 could possibly have discharged to the groundwater, the
19 compound tetrachloroethylene. This compound, also known
20 as perchloroethylene, was used in our ester operations.
21 Tetrachloroethylene was first identified as a carcinogen
22 in late 1977 and we have discontinued use of the product.

23 During the esterification process in which
24 trichloroethylene was used, most of the compound was
25 recovered and recycled in subsequent operations. Small

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1 amounts, however, were discharged into the waste stream.
2 I estimate this amount to have been less than 40 pounds
3 per year.

4 After the construction of our on-site incinerator in
5 1975, all of our wastewater containing tetrachloroethylene
6 was incinerated. Prior to that time, this effluent was
7 discharged to a settling basin and could have reached the
8 groundwater. However, because the amounts in question
9 were very small, we do not believe that they had any
10 significant impact upon the groundwater.

11 To summarize about hydrocarbons, our Hicksville
12 facility annually discharged trace amounts of
13 trichloroethylene and less than 40 pounds of
14 tetrachloroethylene. These discharges ceased entirely in
15 1975. Without minimizing our responsibilities, it is
16 important to place these figures in perspective. Each
17 year the groundwater of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, in
18 our judgment, is contaminated by more than one million
19 pounds of chlorinated hydrocarbons found in drain and
20 cesspool cleaners.

21 Additionally, large quantities of chlorinated
22 hydrocarbons are used in the Hicksville area and
23 throughout Long Island for dry cleaning, metal degreasing,
24 and other commercial applications. We are unaware of any
25 treatment process that prevents most of these hydrocarbons

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1 from reaching the groundwater. Since the national yearly
2 usage of tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene and
3 1,1,1-trichloroethane exceeds 1.5 billion pounds, I
4 suspect that millions of pounds of these chlorinated
5 hydrocarbons may be contaminating Long Island's
6 groundwater.

7 To repeat, however, we do not believe that our
8 Hicksville facility is contributing to this problem. On
9 the contrary, this facility has an active and responsible
10 waste management program which includes the following five
11 elements: one, the reduction of the rate of waste
12 generation; two, recycling of wastes, wherever practical;
13 three, segregation of the waste streams so that they can
14 be handled more expeditiously than they would be if they
15 were mixed; four, incineration of the combustibles; five,
16 secure landfill containment for noncombustibles.

17 Our waste management program includes plans for the
18 construction of a second on-site incinerator to incinerate
19 certain solid and liquid wastes which our present
20 incinerator cannot handle. We are presently talking with
21 incinerator manufacturers and hope to place an order for
22 the new equipment within the next few months.

23 In conclusion, gentlemen, we believe that the past,
24 present, and future waste disposal activities at the
25 Hicksville plant are environmentally responsible and have

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1 reflected appropriate concern for Long Island's
2 groundwater.

3 We stand ready to assist this subcommittee and other
4 government agencies, which are justifiably concerned about
5 Long Island's environmental well-being. I trust that this
6 statement and the other information previously submitted
7 to the subcommittee have been helpful and responsive to
8 your concerns.

9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to
10 present this statement.

11 Mr. Eckhardt. Mr. Lent?

12 Mr. Lent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 Thank you, Mr. Abramowitz, for your statement.

14 The thrust of your statement, as I understand it, is
15 that your company, Hooker, although it was the only user
16 of vinyl chloride in the Hicksville area and used that
17 chemical rather extensively in its manufacturing process
18 for some 19 years, is not guilty of the conditions that
19 forced the closing of the nearby wells in the Bethpage
20 Water District..

21 Is that correct?

22 Mr. Abramowitz. With regard to the vinyl chloride,
23 allegation of that charge, yes, that is our contention,
24 ..

25 Mr. Lent. The vinyl chloride -- I beg your pardon --

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1 as I understand it, is in the Grumman well.

2 Mr. Abramowitz. That is where -- we have not
3 received, unfortunately, as a company any of these test
4 results. All we know is, you might say, what we read in
5 the media. We see tables. We hear people talking. No
6 official agency has supplied us with analytical results
7 showing vinyl chloride monomer in any of their wells.

8 Mr. Lent. Are you in doubt at all that there was
9 vinyl chloride found in the Grumman wells?

10 Mr. Abramowitz. Honestly, there could be an honest
11 doubt in my mind because we do not know what test methods
12 were used. We were never asked to participate in taking
13 samples. And this information --

14 Mr. Lent. You said in your statement that there was
15 extremely little, if any, vinyl chloride that ever reached
16 the groundwater, in your opinion. Is that correct?

17 Mr. Abramowitz. That is our correct opinion, sir.

18 Mr. Abramowitz. And you said you wanted to pledge
19 your company's cooperation to help it to find the source.

20 Mr. Abramowitz. Certainly.

21 Mr. Lent. This is one of the reasons we are here
22 today.

23 Mr. Abramowitz. We certainly will do that.

24 Mr. Lent. If you will refer to this internal memo --
25 I assume you have been provided a copy of it. If not, we

1 should have the clerk deliver it to you.

2 Refer to, first, page six at the top of the page.

3 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes.

4 Mr. Lent. Contrasting these statements with the
5 statement that you gave to the committee that extremely
6 little vinyl chloride ever reached the groundwater, you
7 say in here --

8 Mr. Abramowitz. Page six.

9 Mr. Lent. Page six at the top: floor sweeps of
10 polyvinyl chloride and PVC compounds.

11 Quote: "In our Plant 3 PVC dry blends operation, we
12 accumulate about 500 pounds a day of waste PVC compound in
13 the form of floor sweeps and ventilation dust collector
14 material. This all goes into the trash hopper, and at our
15 present operating mode, 330 days a year, amounts to
16 165,000 pounds a year of PVC compounds sent to the
17 Bethpage landfill."

18 Now, if it goes into the Bethpage landfill -- and we
19 heard the testimony of good health commissioner of Suffolk
20 County who is presumably an expert -- there is going to
21 come a time when eventually it is going to percolate down
2 into the groundwater.

22 Is that not correct?

23 Do you consider 165,000 pounds "extremely little"?

24 Mr. Abramowitz. I think we are having a difficulty

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1 here. We are mixing up vinyl chloride monomer with PVC.
2 PVC, as already was testified to here today earlier, is an
3 innocuous, inert material.

4 We indeed, Congressman Lent, have checked the
5 residual vinyl chloride content of some of our PVC
6 compounds representatively, and they range in the low
7 parts per billion. So, we are not talking of 165,000
8 pounds of vinyl chloride monomer. We are talking about
9 infinitesimal trace residual amounts of vinyl chloride in
10 the order of fractions of a parts per billion.

11 Mr. Lent. Fractions of a parts per billion?

12 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, sir.

13 Mr. Lent. Let's now turn to page 11.

14 Mr. Abramowitz. Did we clarify that, sir?

15 Mr. Lent. Beg pardon?

16 Mr. Abramowitz. Did we clarify that?

17 Mr. Lent. Well, I don't want to say; I am not a
18 scientist. I accept your statement, and it will be
19 checked by the committee.

20 Mr. Abramowitz. The point is they are two different
21 materials.

22 Mr. Lent. PVC and VC. You are pointing that out,
23 and I am aware of that.

24 Now turn to page 11, and we will get into the vinyl
25 chloride itself.

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1 There at item number seven, you say: "Commencing in
2 1956 Hicksville Plant went on-stream with a PVC resin
3 facility making both vinyl chloride" -- now that is VC,
4 right? That's the dangerous one?

5 Mr. Abramowitz. That is right.

6 Mr. Lent. -- "vinyl chloride homopolymer and vinyl
7 chloride/vinyl acetate copolymer. Production rate of this
8 suspension plant was ten million pounds a year. Waste
9 water from the plant was discharged to sand sumps on the
10 plant property. This disposal method was followed for 19
11 years until the plant shut down permanently in 1975.

12 "This waste water contained approximately 1 percent
13 PVC" -- we are not so worried about that -- "resin solids,
14 and 600 to 1,200 parts per million" -- not billion,
15 million -- of "vinyl chloride."

16 Now, that is a very significant amount of parts per
17 million of the vinyl chloride; is it not?

18 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, it is, if it would be.
19 Congressman, again we have to apologize for phraseology
20 and the punctuation. We analyzed and studied this
21 sentence in depth.

22 The meaning of it is, 600 to 1,200 parts per million
23 of the following materials combined: vinyl chloride,
24 latex, Methocel, stabilizers, the trace of
25 tri-chloroethylene, and most of it we believe was probably

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1 vinyl acetate.

2 So, we apologize for the punctuation in that
3 particular paragraph.

4 Mr. Lent. So, what you are saying is that the
5 language "600 to 1,200 parts per million" does not refer
6 simply to vinyl chloride but refers to vinyl chloride,
7 gelatin, and all of the other items that are listed there.

8 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct.

9 Mr. Lent. That is your statement under oath to us
10 here this afternoon.

11 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct, sir. We apologize
12 again for the punctuation.

13 Mr. Lent. All right. And will you be kind enough to
14 provide for the record the breakdown of that 600 to 1,200
15 parts per million as between the various toxicants that
16 are listed there?

17 Mr. Abramowitz. We will do our best to provide that
18 information, sir.

19 Mr. Lent. Then the statement goes on to say along
20 with, "and considerable vinyl acetate."

21 Is that toxic, vinyl acetate?

22 Mr. Abramowitz. We do not believe it is toxic in the
23 sense that we are using it here.

24 We have a little problem with the terminology, as
25 most people do. It refers to the concentrations, the

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1 exposures. We have a great deal of discomfort in calling
2 something nontoxic or toxic unless it is accompanied by
3 additional data having to do with exposures and
4 concentrations and so forth.

5 Mr. Lent. You indicate as well in this memo that you
6 were pumping out two million gallons a year, which over a
7 period of 19 years would come to some 38 million gallons,
8 a year of these chemicals in whatever proportion; but the
9 total proportion being at the rate of 600 to 1,200 parts
10 per million.

11 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct, sir.

12 Mr. Lent. I understand that the well at Grumman came
13 up with 50 parts per million of vinyl chloride. Is that --

14 Mr. Abramowitz. Parts per billion, I believe.

15 Mr. Lent. Fifty parts per billion.

16 Mr. Abramowitz. Fifty parts per million would be an
17 atrocity.

18 Mr. Lent. Fifty parts per million would be an
19 atrocity.

20 Well, over here we have in your statement 600 to
21 1,200 parts per million of one, two, three, four, five
22 different chemicals. And you think the amount of vinyl
23 chloride that would be included in that would be less than
24 parts per million?

25 Mr. Abramowitz. Less than three, sir, as we

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1 testified in our statement.

2 Mr. Lent. Okay.

3 When you spoke earlier, you mentioned your ester
4 plant operation. At page 12 you indicate that the waste
5 water stream from plant one contains perchloroethylene.
6 Is that a toxic substance?

7 Mr. Abramowitz. Perchloroethylene?

8 Mr. Lent. Yes.

9 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, it has been identified as a
10 carcinogen.

11 Mr. Lent. And also methanol. Is that a toxic?

12 Mr. Abramowitz. I would have to cop out on that,
13 sir. I am not a toxicologist. My understanding of
14 methanol or methyl alcohol is that you don't drink it, but
15 it is wood alcohol and has many uses. I am not really
16 qualified to say that it is toxic.

17 Mr. Lent. What would your description be of the
18 other organic acids that are listed there?

19 Adipic?

20 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes.

21 Mr. Lent. Is that toxic?

22 Mr. Abramowitz. Adipic acid is a material that has
23 been used as a food acidulant. So, we doubt whether that
24 material, if one could use it as a food acidulant, would
25 be toxic.

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1 Mr. Lent. How about trimellitic?

2 Mr. Abramowitz. Trimellitic is a material which has
3 recently been identified by NIOSH as being a harmful
4 material in the work environment. We have responded to
5 that internally.

6 Mr. Lent. The next substance: phthalic,
7 p-h-t-h-a-l-i-c?

8 Mr. Abramowitz. That is pronounced as if it were an
9 "f," so it is phthalic and isophthalic acids.

10 Those materials are very substantial materials in
11 commerce that are used not only in paints and varnishes --
12 again, with my previous comment about the nature of the
13 exposure and the concentrations and so forth, they are
14 common materials in commerce that are used in huge
15 quantities. It is hard for me to indicate that they are
16 dangerous materials or toxic.

17 Mr. Lent. So, you are not concerned with the
18 statement in this memo that starts out, "Today we put out
19 about 4,000 gallons waste water per day - 12,720,000
20 pounds a year of waste water. Based on an estimated
21 average 2 percent organic content in the waste water, we
22 today put out 250,000 pounds per year of organic wastes at
23 today's 26 million pounds a year production rate."

24 You feel that that is insignificant?

25 Mr. Abramowitz. No, sir, we do not. Indeed, we are

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1 incinerating - and have been so - since 1975, this entire
2 stream.

3 Mr. Lent. But for the period 1951 until 1974, the
4 fact is that all of those wastes were fed directly into
5 the ester plant sand sump.

6 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, that is correct.

7 Mr. Lent. And you had some concrete storage
8 facilities there on the premises as well; did you not?

9 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes.

10 It might be helpful if I spent a moment to describe
11 that.

12 Mr. Lent. Okay.

13 Mr. Abramowitz. This stream coming out of the ester
14 plant - we call it an organic aqueous steam - the first
15 thing it saw was a concrete pit which had an arrangement
16 whereby the heavy materials, the sludge and any rust or
17 any other gunk, would sink to the bottom. The light
18 material would overflow into a second concrete pit. That
19 concrete pit was designed so that the light materials
20 would float, and the heavier materials would go directly
21 into a sand pit.

22 Mr. Lent. Well, is it not a fact that in this
23 memorandum there is reference to the fact that these
24 concrete pits were pumped out on an annual basis and that
25 the contents of these pits were then placed into one of

1 the landfills?

2 Mr. Abramowitz. I believe in the early days our own
3 documentation indicates that.

4 Mr. Lent. Well, in the early days. We are talking
5 about from 1951 until 1974. Are we not?

6 Mr. Abramowitz. Rollins -- we have incinerated most
7 of that material, I believe, by Rollins. Some of it --
8 when I say "some of it," occasionally there was sludge
9 that appeared in that first concrete pit which would not
10 go through the Rollins incinerator satisfactorily.

11 My recollection - if I can keep all these situations
12 and facts in order here - my recollection is that that
13 sludge from pit number one could have gone to the landfill.

14 Mr. Lent. Just refer to page eight of the first
15 memo, of August 16. With reference to the Syosset
16 Municipal Landfill --

17 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes.

18 Mr. Lent. You indicate in the fourth paragraph down,
19 "Time of use of this municipal dump facility 1946 to
20 1968. Use was lower until 1952 to 1955 and then heavier
21 thereafter. At maximum output we disposed of an estimated
22 800,000 pounds per year of total solid and liquid waste.
23 This includes 10,000 gallons a year of liquid waste in
24 bulk from our annual pumpout of our concrete pits."

25 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, that is correct.

1 Mr. Lent. So that you did pump these concrete pits
2 out.

3 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct.

4 Mr. Lent. Containing these various chemicals.

5 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct.

6 Mr. Lent. And you took the contents to Syosset and
7 dumped them in that landfill.

8 Mr. Abramowitz. Our waste truck hauler did do that;
9 yes.

10 Mr. Lent. So, that is 10,000 gallons a year,
11 roughly, for a period of 22 years. So, that could cause a
12 serious problem of pollution. Could it not?

13 Mr. Abramowitz. If it wasn't contained. And, also,
14 I think --

15 Mr. Lent. Wait a minute. "If it wasn't contained."
16 This indicates it was not contained.

17 Was it barrelized? Or was it contained?

18 Mr. Abramowitz. No. The bulk portions that were
19 dumped were not contained in our vessels, but it may have
20 been contained in the landfill; we don't know.

21 Mr. Lent. Well, the Syosset landfill is an old
22 landfill. I think you know as well as I know that there
23 is no containerization at the Syosset landfill. It is
24 just an old-fashioned dump; is it not?

25 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes. Again, I am having problems

1 with my understanding of containment. Containment does
2 not necessarily mean putting it in a container, the way I
3 think. It could mean that the landfill itself either had
4 a clay bottom or something like that. The material could
5 have been contained in the landfill. I don't know. But
6 that is my problem, I guess.

7 Mr. Lent. Is it not a fact that Hooker used TMA or
8 trimellitic anhydride in its process?

9 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes. That is trimellitic anhydride.

10 Mr. Lent. Is that a -- or are those a dangerous or
11 toxic chemical?

12 Mr. Abramowitz. As we stated a few moments ago, a
13 NIOSH criteria document recently issued which indicated
14 that that material was hazardous in the workplace.

15 Now, this may be possibly the time for me to make
16 some comments about the listing of materials that were
17 sent to a landfill which were recited earlier today. As
18 it reads in the document, 10,000 pounds of material a and
19 20,000 pounds of material b and 5,000 pounds of material
20 c. We would like to clarify that those materials were not
21 taken to the landfill as such. I think we have a
22 nationwide problem here with regard to the use of
23 chemicals in general in paper bags.

24 We buy millions of pounds of these organic acids,
25 including trimellitic acid anhydride. We buy these

1 materials in 50-pound bags, multi-wall paper bags. In the
2 process, we attempt - because these materials do carry a
3 reasonable price tag - we attempt to empty the bags as
4 best we can.

5 It is unavoidable for us to antiseptically remove the
6 entire contents of these paper sacks. The author of this
7 document, I was told, used a maximum assumption of four
8 ounces retained in each 50-pound bag which we attempted to
9 empty into the process. It was on that assumption that he
10 calculated the quantities that went to the landfill as
11 dusty material clinging to the containers.

12 This might be a problem for the committee to address
13 itself to. I think the RCRA act will eventually do this.
14 But there are literally billions of pounds of chemicals
15 that are supplied in these United States in 50-pound bags
16 to users all over the country who then empty the bags to
17 the best of their ability. Because of their inability to
18 practically remove the residual dust, cumulatively the
19 amount of residual chemicals that go to the landfill must
20 be an astonishing total.

21 Our proposal here to cope with this problem is our
22 second on-site incinerator, which we hope will accumulate
23 all these bags, whether there is one ounce left in them or
24 four ounces left in them. Rather than send this trash,
25 this combustible trash, to the landfill, our intent is to

1 take these materials and incinerate them on-site in
2 compliance, hopefully, with EPA emission standards on
3 incinerators.

4 Mr. Lent. Well, you don't disagree with Mr.
5 Harrison, the author of this memo, that roughly four
6 ounces were left as residue in the bottom of these bags?
7 Or do you disagree with his conclusion that this amount of
8 10,000 pounds a year of this TMA?

9 Mr. Abramowitz. If I had made the estimate myself, I
10 probably would have estimated about half of that. It is a
11 rather distressing realization to management to realize
12 that we are taking stuff in that magnitude and converting
13 it into trash.

14 I have seen some of the bag unloading operations. I
15 would judge -- and this is my personal opinion -- that the
16 number of bags that have four ounces of retained material
17 in them would be in the minority. Most of them are
18 shaken. Again I say, if I were to be shot at sunrise to
19 make an estimate, I would say my figure would probably be
20 about half of that.

21 Mr. Lent. The bottom paragraph on page four says --
22 and this is dated, of course, a year ago -- "A very recent
23 development at Hicksville involves our going from all bulk
24 adipic to a potential 6 million pounds a year of imported
25 French adipic, because of favorable economics. If this

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1 goes ahead as we believe, then the amount of adipic acid
2 to the Bethpage landfill will increase to 27,000 pounds a
3 year, based on bag residues."

4 My question is, did you ever go to the French adipic?

5 Mr. Abramowitz. We did temporarily. You will be
6 glad to know that the economic differential no longer
7 exists, and we are on U.S. material.

8 Mr. Lent. So that the statement then - or the
9 summary on page six that there are 27,000 pounds per year
10 of adipic acid going into the Bethpage landfill -- Is that
11 valid today? Or is it invalid?

12 Mr. Abramowitz. Only with the comment that I made
13 previously, sir. That is that I believe personally that
14 these materials are outside maximums. My own estimate
15 would have been, perhaps, something like maybe a half or,
16 at the most, three-quarters of this quantity.

17 Mr. Lent. We can conclude probably very quickly at
18 page nine, which indicates that this Bethpage Municipal
19 Landfill has been used by Hooker since 1968. And then it
20 details the various wastes that are going into that plant.

21 I think everyone has a copy of it. It includes
22 toluene. It includes DMF, MEK, and some PCB therminol
23 wastes, PVC floor sweeps, including PVC sump scrapings
24 containing PVC and the vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate,
25 trichloroethylene, et cetera; and also spent lube oils of

1 300 gallons a year.

2 My question is, is that dumping that was going on for
3 years up until the date of this memo in 1968 - is that
4 still going on today as we sit here?

5 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, we are still bringing materials
6 to the Bethpage Municipal Landfill - to my knowledge, not
7 necessarily all of these materials. In fact, I could very
8 readily pick out numbers of them which are no longer,
9 haven't been used perhaps for seven years. Specifically,
10 if you wish an example, the PCB therminol wastes, which
11 were discontinued at our plant at about 1972.

12 Mr. Lent. How about the total figure of 1,600,000
13 pounds per year? Is that still a valid estimate of the
14 amount of waste that Hooker is putting into the Bethpage
15 Municipal Landfill?

16 Mr. Abramowitz. That is probably a good order of
17 magnitude figure.

18 It is our intention, Congressman, to rapidly move to
19 eliminate that entire level with the advent of this second
20 on-site incinerator, which will take all the cardboard
21 boxes, the emptied paper bags, the offspent materials, the
22 filter cakes, and so forth. This is being engineered at
23 the moment.

24 Mr. Lent. What are you going to do with all this
25 mercury that you have on hand at the Hicksville plant that

1 is referred to in this memorandum?

2 Mr. Abramowitz. That is page seven.

3 Mr. Lent. Page seven: 37,414 pounds of 57 percent
4 mercury Metasol.

5 Mr. Abramowitz. May I comment on the nature of that
6 material and the meaning of those two short paragraphs?

7 This obsolete product, the 37,000 pounds, is in the
8 form of a polyester which is used or could be used in
9 polyurethane.

10 The material referred to as Metasol, a mercury
11 derivative, at the time this was produced was a material
12 that was sold as a catalytic agent for producing
13 polyesters. We produced this quantity of product with
14 this mercury catalyst.

15 The form in which the 37,000 pounds exist today in no
16 way contains the mercury as phenyl mercuric proprionate.
17 It is tied up in that polymeric molecule. We are
18 concerned about it. Nevertheless, because it is and has
19 been identified as a harmful metal, even though it is in
20 there in that form, it is our intention to track that
21 material. Eventually, if we can sell it, we are trying to
22 sell it, somebody may convert it into a useful product.
23 If that cannot be done, I think the ultimate disposition
24 of that will have to be incineration under proper
25 circumstances.

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1 Mr. Lent. What about the 800 drums that are defined
2 in your memo as "difficult chemical wastes stored at the
3 Hicksville site"? Do you have any plans for that?

4 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes. Not only do we have plans,
5 but, as we look at our chronometers, it is five to three.
6 Probably about 100 of those drums left our site today for
7 Rollins Environmental Services to be incinerated. That
8 would leave, say, at the end of the day about 700. It is
9 our intention to move as rapidly as we can to identify by
10 analysis and by groupings to identify the rest of those
11 drums so that as many of them as possible can be
12 incinerated by Rollins.

13 My plant people tell us that they are already in the
14 midst of preparing or staging the second load to go.
15 Whatever is left, or if this thing dangles on for weeks or
16 months, we hope to pick up the back end of that with our
17 second on-site incinerator.

18 Hopefully, what will be left of all that will be
19 antiseptic ash coming out of the incinerator plus, of
20 course, the containers.

21 Mr. Lent. Mr. Chairman, I have no further question
22 at this point.

23 Mr. Eckhardt. Mr. Abramowitz, you state in your
24 testimony that, "According to our best information, our
25 PVC waste water contained vinyl chloride at levels less

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1 than 3 parts per million."

2 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, sir.

3 Mr. Eckhardt. The examination of the Nassau County
4 Department of Health indicated that in Well 14 vinyl
5 chloride was found at 50 parts per billion, which would be
6 approximately one-sixtieth of the concentration that you
7 have referred to before. Is that right?

8 As I calculate, three parts per million would be
9 3,000 parts per billion. And 500 parts per million would
10 be a sixtieth of that amount in the well.

11 Mr. Abramowitz. Chairman Eckhardt, if I am following
12 your reasoning -- I am sorry; perhaps I am preempting or
13 misinterpreting what you are going to say.

14 Mr. Eckhardt. What I am saying is that your
15 statement here is that you calculate that something less
16 than three parts per million was contained in lagoons
17 where you were disposing of wastewater, less than three
18 parts per million of vinyl chloride was contained. I
19 refer to page four of your testimony: three parts per
20 million, which is 3,000 parts per billion.

21 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes.

22 Mr. Eckhardt. The amount of vinyl chloride found in
23 Well 14 was only one-sixtieth of that amount, or 500 parts
24 per million -- per billion; 500 parts per billion. Excuse
25 me. Fifty parts per billion. I confused the figure.

1 And 50 parts per billion would be one-sixtieth of
2 what you said might be contained in your lagoon.

3 Let me state it again.

4 Three parts per million is 3,000 parts per billion.
5 That is what you said might have been contained in your
6 lagoon as the result of wastewater.

7 Is that correct?

8 Mr. Abramowitz. No. I think we have a little nuance
9 here. I think it is significant to our contention --

10 Mr. Eckhardt. We read the language here. On page
11 four it says, "According to our best information, our PVC
12 waste water contained vinyl chloride at levels less than
13 three parts per million."

14 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct.

15 And I also, respectfully, sir, refer you to the EPA
16 statement that three ppm in the effluents or in the
17 wastewater coming from the PVC plant - the vinyl chloride
18 content of that effluent is assumed to virtually dissipate
19 into the atmosphere and not percolate into the ground.

20 Mr. Eckhardt. I am not asking that question. All I
21 am asking you is whether or not contained in your
22 wastewater there might have been vinyl chloride at levels
23 of something less than three parts per million. That is
24 what you said.

25 Mr. Abramowitz. That is absolutely correct.

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1 Mr. Eckhardt. And then I am pointing out that the
2 New York State Department of Health found in Well 14 vinyl
3 chloride at 50 parts per billion.

4 Now, I am not saying necessarily that all of that
5 vinyl chloride came from your plant. I do not want to
6 draw that conclusion.

7 All I am trying to say is that three parts per
8 million is 3,000 parts per billion. And the amount of
9 vinyl chloride found in the well was 50 parts per billion,
10 or one-sixtieth of the amount which you state was the
11 maximum that was contained in the wastewater at your plant.

12 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct, sir; prior to the
13 reported tendency of vinyl chloride to be a fugitive from
14 water, that is absolutely correct.

15 Mr. Eckhardt. Your plant and its predecessor
16 produced vinyl chloride for a period of some 19 years. Is
17 that correct?

18 Mr. Abramowitz. We used vinyl chloride.

19 Mr. Eckhardt. You used vinyl chloride.

20 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct.

21 Mr. Eckhardt. And I assume you used it -- I assume
22 that both the predecessor and the present plant both could
23 be characterized as having had wastewater which contained
24 not more than three parts per million of vinyl chloride.

25 Mr. Abramowitz. Going into the lagoon, that is

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1 exactly correct.

2 Mr. Eckhardt. Is it not conceivable that, having
3 used such processes which resulted in that amount of vinyl
4 chloride, that one-sixtieth of that amount could have
5 gotten into the groundwater in the area?

6 Mr. Abramowitz. It is hard for me to have to agree
7 with that because of the known volatility of this
8 material.

9 Chairman Eckhardt, if I have a container of vinyl
10 chloride in a glass vessel capped -- and it is a gas
11 normally -- it was under pressure in a gas, gas under
12 pressure being a liquid. If I in this room took the cap
13 off and put the material on the floor, spilled it on the
14 floor, it would instantaneously begin boiling of its own
15 volition on the floor, it having a boiling point of minus
16 13.8 degrees Centigrade. It would instantaneously flash
17 off into the atmosphere.

18 When small quantities are in water, dissolved in
19 these traces, that is an impediment; and it will not leave
20 instantaneously, but it will leave.

21 Mr. Eckhardt. I do not mean to say that, if you
22 poured vinyl chloride in a pure form on this floor or on
23 the ground, that any of it other than a very small trace
24 -- but, after all, 50 parts per million is a small trace;
25 is it not?

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1 Mr. Abramowitz. Per billion?

2 Mr. Eckhardt. Per billion is a small trace.

3 I am not saying that vinyl chloride in its pure form
4 would not be volatile. But, when you dissolve any
5 chemical in that much solvent, you have an entirely
6 different chemical character with respect to volatility;
7 do you not?

8 Mr. Abramowitz. That is exactly correct, sir.

9 Again, I have to invoke the comments of our own
10 Environmental Protection Agency. I will have to quote
11 again. In their environmental impact statement on vinyl
12 chloride published in 1975, they state that, according to
13 their data, essentially all of the vinyl chloride in
14 wastewater is released into the atmosphere.

15 I have problems with that following the arithmetic
16 that we have been --

17 Mr. Eckhardt. Can you not say essentially that all
18 of it is dissipated if only, say, 3,000 parts per billion
19 remains? Ultimately, by the time that 3,000 parts per
20 billion may have seeped into the ground, due to its
21 volatility, due to its going to other sources, et cetera,
22 there is only one-sixtieth of that left so that you have
23 got 50 parts per billion instead of 3,000 parts per
24 billion. Is that an altogether unreasonable assumption,
25 that some of that, levels of the type I have discussed

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1 the soil has been permeated with some degree of vinyl
2 chloride for a period of some 19 years.

3 Mr. Abramowitz. The persistence -- you know, I have
4 been having some fits over this thing because these
5 allegations have been going on for years now.

6 I would just like to tell you what some of my other
7 problems are with it.

8 The plant has not been in operation for four years.
9 We are asked -- if I understood what Mr. Middleton
10 testified to today -- to believe that, after four years
11 that he tested Well E-1 and came up with the same figure
12 that he did originally.

13 Mr. Eckhardt. Well, let me suggest --

14 Mr. Abramowitz. That's a tough one for me --

15 Mr. Eckhardt. -- the readings that he was reporting
16 from were taken in 1975.

17 Let me ask you this. Was there any other plant to
18 your knowledge that was producing a product which resulted
19 in any vinyl chloride waste in this area?

20 Mr. Abramowitz. I do not know of any company in the
21 area that used vinyl chloride monomer per se. There may
22 have been but not to my knowledge.

23 On the other hand, there are numbers of other areas
24 that -- and we shan't indulge in speculation.

25 If those results are confirmed in that Well E-1, then

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1 there has to be some realistic accountability where that
2 material came from.

3 Mr. Eckhardt. That's what nags me.

4 Mr. Abramowitz. Therefore --

5 Mr. Eckhardt. I don't know where it came from if it
6 didn't come from Hooker. If we had discovered that there
7 were several other plants in the area producing vinyl
8 chloride or using substances that resulted in some vinyl
9 chloride waste, it would be easier for me to see how --

10 Mr. Abramowitz. Chairman Eckhardt, as long as we are
11 sharing discomforts, the data on Philadelphia and Miami
12 are rather interesting. If you go to the source, the EPA
13 document states that the feedwater, the water going into
14 the Philadelphia municipal water treatment system, showed
15 no detectable vinyl chloride monomer. Coming out of the
16 municipal treatment system, they have reported a fraction
17 of a part per billion.

18 In the case of Miami, the input to the municipal
19 drinking water system -- if I recollect my figures, the
20 input was something like one part per billion. Coming out
21 of the other end, ready for drinking, is 5.6 parts per
22 billion.

23 I have a lot of problems --

24 Mr. Eckhardt. I am not finding difficulty with that
25 so much. That is a very, very small quantity.

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1 I understand that EPA in a national survey of
2 drinking water supplies found in 1975 that the highest
3 level of vinyl chloride in any water system surveyed was
4 ten parts per billion. Now, that is one-fifth as much as
5 was found in Nassau County in Well Number 14.

6 So, though 50 parts per billion is a mere trace, it
7 is nevertheless five times as great as any of the tests
8 that EPA made in a national survey for 1975.

9 It would seem to me that, when one finds vinyl
10 chloride in five times the maximum over the country in
11 this area, and when one knows that there was water in
12 lagoons as wastewater from Hooker containing vinyl
13 chloride at sixty times that amount, and when one also
14 finds no other producer of vinyl chloride in Long Island
15 or in the area, that there is at least some suspicion that
16 the vinyl chloride in the drinking water, not having been
17 explainably produced anywhere else and being five times as
18 great as any found elsewhere in the United States, is
19 likely to have got there through Hooker's lagoons.

20 That is all I am suggesting. I do not say that that
21 can be finally determined. But I do say that I find no
22 other explanation of it. And I must conclude that there
23 is at least evidence that Hooker contributed to the vinyl
24 chloride content of the drinking water of this area.

25 Mr. Lent. Mr. Chairman, if I could just add two

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1 other factors to that.

2 Number one is the proximity of the Hooker plant to
3 the Grumman well, which was about 1,500 feet.

4 Number two is the fact that the watertable in that
5 area flows south-southeast from the Hooker plant toward
6 Grumman.

7 The third factor is that the groundwater flow in that
8 area, according to the hydraulic engineers, is at the rate
9 of about a few hundred feet per year.

10 So, taking all these indicia and adding them all up
11 together, it seems to flow as night from the day that the
12 contamination, which was far greater than is present in
13 either Philadelphia or Miami, had to come from Hooker.

14 Mr. Abramowitz. As I indicated, we have some
15 reservations about it. We share, I think -- perhaps you
16 share some of my confusion about it. I am hopeful that
17 Hooker could be allowed to contribute to the resolution of
18 this problem and be made a party to the data, to be
19 allowed to sample the wells, to be allowed to look at the
20 analytical procedures.

21 We had one helluva time with analytical procedures in
22 the range of parts per billion. I cannot imagine that
23 others - reportedly and admittedly with less resources -
24 are picking these things up with ease.

25 So, we sure would like to have an opportunity to help

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1 in that regard.

2 Mr. Eckhardt. Let me say that I appreciate your
3 saying that. We, of course, are not in a position to
4 direct anyone else to deliver those materials to you; but
5 we do hope that all persons involved or possibly involved
6 and all agencies engaged in controls and observation in
7 the matter will cooperate in determining that.

8 Let me get to one other point here.

9 You state in your statement here that, with respect
10 to chlorinated hydrocarbons: "Although we cannot quantify
11 the amounts in question, I am confident that the amounts
12 were minute and that they had no significant impact upon
13 the groundwater quality."

14 Well, again, let us take here the substance
15 trichloroethylene. You produce that; do you not?

16 Mr. Abramowitz. We used the material.

17 Mr. Eckhardt. You use the material.

18 Mr. Abramowitz. We used. We no longer use it.

19 Mr. Eckhardt. How long did you use it?

20 Mr. Abramowitz. We have had some problems with
21 reconstructing that. Let me indicate what they were.

22 Reconstructing the quantification of everything we
23 used in the PVC plant for a period of 19 years, the
24 difficulty essentially arose from the fact that we made
25 both homopolymers and copolymers. Not all of our resins

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1 contained trichloroethylene. Most of the homopolymers had
2 no trichloroethylene in it at all. Well, to the extent
3 that the resins that did require trichloroethylene, to the
4 extent that we used it for those resins, the material was
5 not used as a solvent; it was used as a chemically
6 reactive material.

7 Every indication we have is that we put it in there
8 to go into the resin. The resin properties that we got
9 from that production indicated that chain transfer had
10 taken place, and trichloroethylene was in the product.

11 Mr. Eckhardt. But there would be some
12 trichloroethylene in some of your --

13 Mr. Abramowitz. We grant in the statement --

14 Mr. Eckhardt. -- lagoons, I assume.

15 Mr. Abramowitz. We grant in the statement; yes, sir.

16 Mr. Eckhardt. As a matter of fact, you say you
17 cannot quantify the amounts; you are confident that it was
18 minute amounts but not enough to affect groundwater.

19 You do not say how much. You do refer at a later
20 time to tetrachloroethylene. You say: I estimate "small
21 amounts, however, were discharged into the waste stream.
22 I estimate this amount to have been less than 40 pounds
23 per year."

24 Mr. Abramowitz. That is correct, sir.

25 Mr. Eckhardt. Would trichloroethylene be more or

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1 less than that 40 --

2 Mr. Abramowitz. Significantly less, would be our
3 judgment.

4 Mr. Eckhardt. Well, would you say that --

5 Mr. Abramowitz. I cannot quantify it; but, if you
6 press us, again, to the wall, we would have to say that it
7 could not have been, you know, more than maybe a part per
8 million or some such --

9 Mr. Eckhardt. What about 30 parts per million?
10 Would that be out of the ballpark?

11 Mr. Abramowitz. Probably would be; as I sit here in
12 an armchair -- without an armchair -- and guess at it.

13 Mr. Eckhardt. Of course, if there was as much as 30
14 parts per million and one-sixtieth of it got in the water
15 supply, that would be the 500 parts per billion that was
16 found in groundwater.

17 Was anybody else using trichloroethylene during that
18 time period?

19 Mr. Abramowitz. Grumman testified today -- and I
20 think we had this from more than one testifier, Mr.
21 Chairman -- that Grumman used significant quantities of
22 trichloroethylene.

23 Their past practices, from what I have heard as
24 recently as 45 minutes ago -- I did not hear too many
25 comments about the details of their past practices. I

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1 heard that, up to 1977 or '78, they believed that they had
2 the thing in tow, but --

3 Mr. Eckhardt. But, at any rate -- of course, if you
4 were both using it, the cumulative effect would create at
5 least some likelihood of leaching into the groundwater.
6 Would it not?

7 Mr. Abramowitz. Yes, it would, sir.

8 Mr. Eckhardt. That is all I have. I thank you for
9 your testimony here and your willingness to stay so late.

10 Mr. Abramowitz. We have appreciated the opportunity
11 to throw some other zingers in there. I guess all we keep
12 hearing is, you know, the Hooker plant did this and the
13 Hooker plant did that. We welcome the opportunity to be
14 invited and pledge our cooperation in any additional
15 information you may require. Thank you.

16 Mr. Eckhardt. Thank you very much.

17 Mr. Lent?

18 Mr. Lent. I just wanted the record to note that we
19 have received statements submitted by the Long Island
20 Water Conference. They asked that it be made a part of
21 our record.

22 Mr. Eckhardt. Without objection, the material
23 referred to will be inserted into the record.

24 [Material follows:]
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1 Mr. Eckhardt. The subcommittee is now adjourned,
2 subject to the call of the chair.

(3 (Whereupon, at 3:20 p.m., the subcommittee was
4 recessed, subject to the call of the chair.)

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Hooker RUCC DIVISION

NEW SOUTH ROAD, HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK 11802
PHONE (516) 931-8100 TWX 510 221-1871

April 29, 1981
Engr 3928

Nassau County Department of Health
240 Old Country Road
Mineola, New York 11501


Attention: Mr. L. Sama, Public Health Engineer
Bureau of Land Resources Management

Dear Larry:

Attached is a listing of all storage tanks, capacities, materials stored in each tank, and how they are handled. We have included a site map indicating locations of all tanks.

Tanks at location B nos. 14, 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18A, 18B, 18C, 19A, 19B, 20A, 20B, 21, 22, tanks 1, 2, and 3 at location F and the separator and receiver at location K are below ground. A total of 14. Seventy-two (72) tanks are above ground.

The information submitted is part of our Spill Control Plan.


W. B. DeVries
Site Engineering Manager

PBV/es
enc.

cc: J. B. Harrison
H. Dubec

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1. PRESENT FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

A. MATERIALS COVERED

1. Listed below are the materials covered by this plan:

<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>STORAGE VOLUME</u>
Ethylene Glycol/Propylene Glycol Mixture (EPG)	5,000 gal.
1,4-Butanediol	5,000 gal.
Diethyl Adipate (DOA)	20,000 gal.
Normal Octyl-Normal Decyl Tri-Mellitate	5,000 gal.
S-1011-35	5,000 gal.
F-203	30,000 gal.
1,6-Hexanediol	11,000 gal.
F-2403	6,000 gal.
F-2401	6,000 gal.
26TM	38,200 gal.
#6 Oil	105,000 gal.
C7C9TM	8,000 gal.
T-10TM	24,000 gal.
#2 Oil	34,700 gal.
Alcohols	7,650 gal.
Alcohol Strip	6,000 gal.
Ethylene Glycol	20,000 gal.
Diethylene Glycol	20,000 gal.
C7C9 Alcohol	55,000 gal.
2-Ethylhexanol	80,000 gal.
Isopropanol	8,000 gal.
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	6,500 gal.
Toluene	15,000 gal.
Dimethylformamide	10,000 gal.
Iso-octyl Alcohol	10,000 gal.
Adipic Acid	8,000 ft. ³
Process Hold Tanks	8,200 gal.
Strip Hold Tanks	9,000 gal.
Empty Tanks	56,700 gal.
Incinerator Hold Tank	30,000 gal.
Incinerator Effluent Separator	4,000 gal.
Incinerator Effluent Receiver	16,000 gal.
TOTAL LIQUID STORAGE CAPACITY	664,950 gal.
TOTAL RAW MATERIAL SOLID STORAGE CAPACITY	8,000 ft. ³

B. STORAGE TANK LISTING BY LOCATION (SEE ATTACHED MAP)

<u>LOCATION A</u>			
<u>Tank No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>	
23	Alcohol Strip	2,000 gal.	} Compartmented Tank Car
24	Alcohol Strip	2,000 gal.	
25	Alcohol Strip	2,000 gal.	

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LOCATION A (cont'd)

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>	
26	Alcohol	2,550 gal.	} Compartmented Tank Car
27	Alcohol	2,550 gal.	
28	Alcohol	2,550 gal.	
A	2-Ethylhexanol	10,000 gal.	
B	2-Ethylhexanol	10,000 gal.	
C	Product	5,000 gal.	- empty
D	Di-octyl Adipate	5,000 gal.	
E	Iso-octyl Alcohol	5,000 gal.	
F	Iso-octyl Alcohol	5,000 gal.	
G	Alfol 610	10,000 gal.	
H	2-Ethylhexanol	10,000 gal.	
I	2-Ethylhexanol	10,000 gal.	
J	2-Ethylhexanol	5,000 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
K	Product	5,000 gal.	
L	Di-octyl Adipate	5,000 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
M	Di-octyl Adipate	5,000 gal.	

Materials in tank numbers 23 through 28 are received from another area of the site via tank truck. Materials in tanks A and B are received in bulk (tank truck), and transported to other plant areas in bulk (tank truck). Materials in tanks C and D are received in bulk (tank truck) from other plant areas and shipped in bulk (tank truck) off the site. Materials in tanks E through J are received in bulk (tank truck). Materials in tanks K, L, and M are received from other plant areas in bulk (tank truck) and are shipped off the site in bulk (tank truck).

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LOCATION B

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>	
14	#6 Oil	30,000 gal.	
15	#6 Oil	30,000 gal.	
16	Incinerator Hold	30,000 gal.	- empty
17A	261M	8,000 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
17B	261M	8,000 gal.	
17C	C ₇ C ₉ IM	8,000 gal.	
18A	T101M	8,000 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
18B	T101M	8,000 gal.	
18C	T101M	8,000 gal.	
19A	#2 Oil	12,500 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
19B	#2 Oil	12,500 gal.	
20A	#6 Oil	12,500 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
20B	#6 Oil	12,500 gal.	
21		5,000 gal.	- empty
22		5,000 gal.	- empty
Silo 1	Adipic Acid	4,000 ft ³	- solid
Silo 2	Adipic Acid	4,000 ft ³	- solid

Material in tanks 14 and 15 is received in tank trucks, and shipped to tanks 1 and 2 (Location C) in tank trucks. Material in tank 16 is received by tank truck or internal pipe. Materials in tanks 17 A-C and 18A-C are received by tank truck from other plant areas and shipped off-site in tank trucks. Material in tank 19A-B is received by tank truck and transported to tanks 3 and 4 (Location C) by tank truck. Material in tanks 20A-B is received in tank trucks and transported to tanks 1 and 2 (Location C) in tank trucks. The material in silos 1 and 2 is received by railcar or tank truck.

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LOCATION C

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
1	Ethylene Glycol	5,000 gal.
2	1,4 - Butanediol	5,000 gal.
3	261M	5,000 gal.
4	N1M	5,000 gal.
4A	S-1011-35	5,000 gal.
5	F203	10,000 gal.
6	F203	10,000 gal.
7	1,6 - Hexanediol	11,000 gal.
10A	F2403	6,000 gal.
10B	F2401	6,000 gal.
11A	261M	5,000 gal.
11B	261M	5,000 gal.
12A	F203	5,000 gal.
12B	F203	5,000 gal.

Materials in tanks 1 and 2 are received in tank truck and piped to other plant areas. Materials in tanks 3 and 4 are received by tank truck from other plant areas and shipped off-site in tank trucks or drums. Material in tank 4A is received by pipeline from other plant areas and shipped off-site in tank trucks or drums. Materials in tanks 5 and 6 are received by pipeline from other plant areas and shipped off-site in tank trucks or drums. Material in tank 7 is received in tank cars or tank trucks and piped to other plant areas. Material in tanks 11A-B is received from other plant areas in tank trucks and shipped off-site in tank trucks or drums. Materials in tanks 10A-B and 12A-B are received by pipeline from other plant areas and shipped off-site in tank trucks or drums.

LOCATION D

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
A	Hold tank	1,000 gal.
B	Hold Tank	1,000 gal.
C	Hold Tank	1,000 gal.
D	Hold tank	1,250 gal.
E	Hold tank	1,250 gal.
F	Hold Tank	1,350 gal.
G	Hold Tank	1,350 gal.
	Strip Tanks	9,000 gal. - Total
		(18 ea at 500 gal)

Materials in tanks A through G are received by pipeline from other plant areas and transported to various storage tanks by pipeline. Materials in the strip tanks are received by pipeline from other plant areas and transported to other plant areas by pipeline.

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LOCATION C

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
29	Ethylene Glycol	20,000 gal.
30	Diethylene/Propylene Glycol	20,000 gal.

Materials in tanks 29 and 30 are received by tankcar and tank truck and transported to other plant areas by pipeline.

LOCATION 1

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
1	#6 Oil	10,000 gal.
2	#6 Oil	10,000 gal.
3	#2 Oil	3,000 gal.

Materials are received in tank trucks and transported to other plant areas by pipeline.

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LOCATION C

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
202	261M	12,200 gal.
203		12,200 gal - empty
6		5,000 gal. - empty
7		5,000 gal. - empty
.. 10		12,500 gal. -empty

Materials in tanks 202 and 203 are received by pipeline from other plant areas and shipped off-site in tank cars or tank trucks; or are transported to storage tanks by pipeline.

LOCATION II

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>	
31	2-Ethylhexanol	30,000 gal.	
32	2-Ethylhexanol	25,000 gal.	
33	2-Ethylhexanol	25,000 gal.	
	Isopropanol	8,000 gal.	} Compartmented Tank
	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	6,500 gal.	
	Toluene	15,000 gal.	
	Dimethylformamide	10,000 gal.	

materials are received in tank trucks and transported to other plant areas by pipeline.

LOCATION 1

<u>Tank No</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
4	#2 Oil	3,700 gal.

Material is received by tank truck and transported to other plant areas by pipeline.

LOCATION J

Tank No Contents

Volume

2,000 gal. - empty

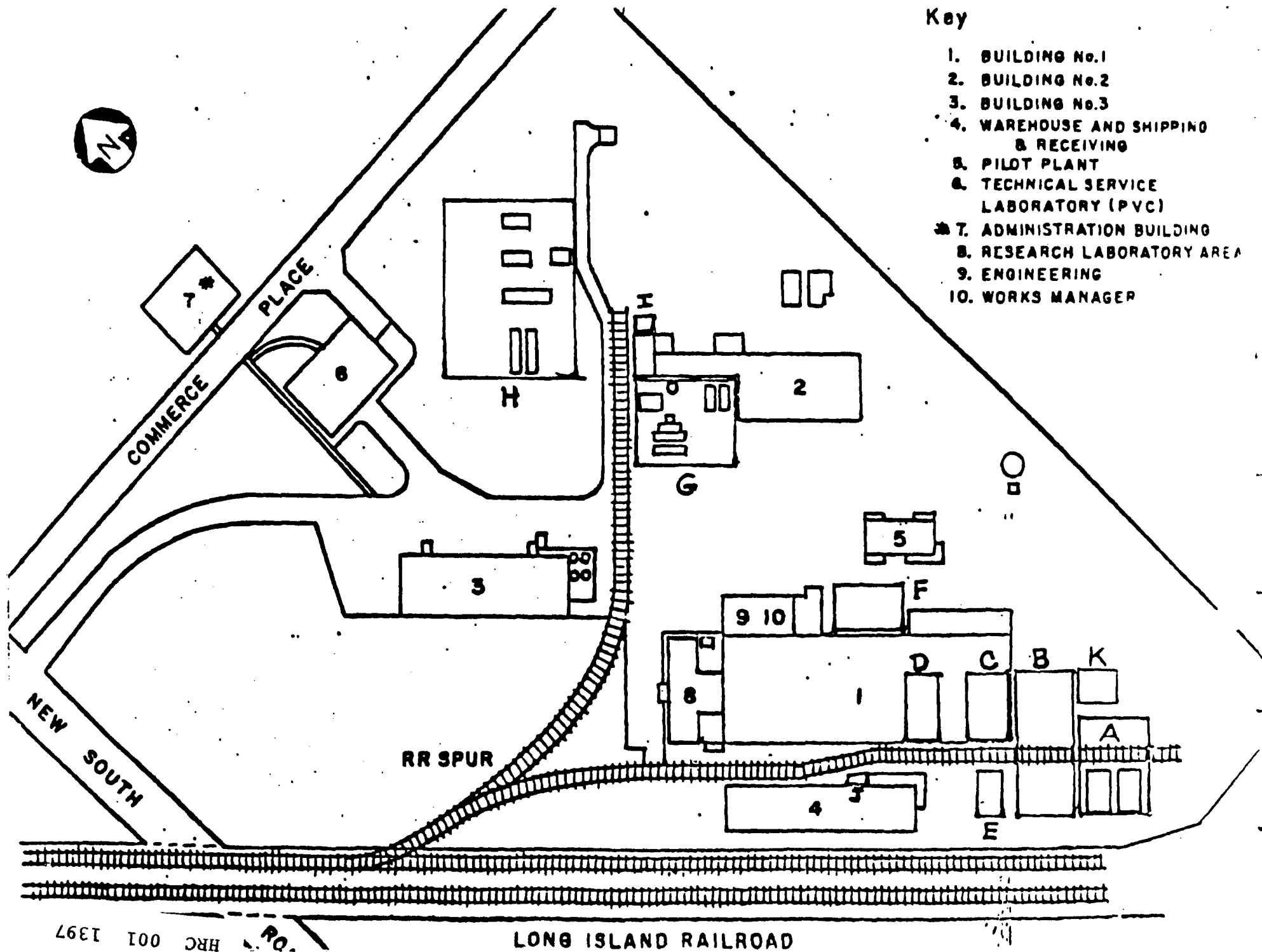
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LOCATION K

<u>Tank No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
Effluent Separator	Effluent	4,000 gal.
Effluent Receiver	Effluent	16,000 gal.

Effluent separator is an open top concrete tank designed to separate solids from incineratorable effluent.

Effluent receiver is an open top compartmented (4) concrete tank used to collect and store effluent prior to incineration. One compartment is agitated, and from this compartment effluent is pumped to the incinerator.



LOCATION J

Tank No Contents

Volume

2,000 gal. - empty

LOCATION K

<u>Tank No.</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Volume</u>
Effluent Separator	Effluent	4,000 gal.
Effluent Receiver	Effluent	16,000 gal.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION INPUT SHEET

Folio: 62707 (5) Date Entered: 6/19/81 (6) Agency: N.Y. STATE DEC (25)

Industry Group: P&CS (4) Division: FAB. PDTS. (4) Location: Hicksville, NY 11802 (20)

Type of Folio: Request for information (20) Number of Items Included: 1 (4)

Notice Date: 6/9/81 (6) Thru: _____ (6) Date Alleged Occur: _____ (6) Thru: _____ (6)

Date of Next Action: _____ (6)

Allegation: _____ (55)

_____ (55)

Action Requested: Request for information (underground injection control) (55)

_____ (55)

Current Status: _____ (55)

_____ (55)

Penalty Proposed: _____ (20)

Disposition When Closed: _____ (46)

Net Payment: _____ (9) Cost of Corrective Action: _____ (9)

Date of Completion of Corrective Action: _____ (6) Date Closed: _____ (6)

Comments: _____ (55)

Contact Name: Philip B. DeVries (20) Contact Tel. No.: (516) 931-8100 (10)

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NEW SOUTH ROAD, HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK 11802
PHONE (516) 931-8100

June 19, 1981


Mr. Dan Meszler
New York State Dept. of Environ. Conservation
Bureau of Permits & Compliance
50 Wolf Road - Room 201
Albany, NY 12233

Dear Mr. Meszler:

Attached Underground Injection Control Questionnaire for the Hicksville facility, Hooker Chemicals & Plastics Corporation, is forwarded in compliance with your request.

As per your conversation with John Hanna of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, we have not included any sump that is shallower than its largest surface dimension.

Very truly yours,


Philip B. DeVries
Plant Engineer

PBD:sg/engr. 3965

Attachments

CERTIFIED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

bc: J.B. Harrison
G. Dubec
A. Katona
John Hanna

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Questionnaire for Underground Injection Control
(U.I.C.) Program

1-3 10-1-81

1 BUSINESS NAME AND LOCATION

NAME: HOOKER CHEMICALS & PLASTICS CORP.
STREET ADDRESS: New South Road
CITY: Hicksville STATE: NY COUNTY: Nassau ZIP: 11802

2 TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (check one)

☒ PRIVATE ☐ PUBLIC ☐ STATE ☐ FEDERAL ☐ OTHER (specify)

3 DESCRIBE NATURE OF BUSINESS

Manufacture of Specialty Polymers and chemicals for the plastics industry.

4 OWNERS / OPERATORS NAME AND ADDRESS

OWNERS NAME: HOOKER CHEMICALS & PLASTICS CORP.
STREET ADDRESS: New South Road
CITY: Hicksville STATE: New York COUNTY: Nassau ZIP: 11802
OPERATORS NAME (if different from owner):
STREET ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE: COUNTY: ZIP:

5 DISCHARGE INFORMATION

PLEASE PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION FOR EACH DISCHARGE FROM YOUR FACILITY ON THE DISCHARGE INFORMATION SHEET APPENDIX A THAT FOLLOWS.

6 DISCHARGE FACILITY LOCATION

PLEASE INDICATE ON A SKETCH (OR MAP IF AVAILABLE) THE LOCATION OF EACH DISCHARGE FACILITY; BE SURE TO REFERENCE THE LOCATIONS TO AN EXISTING STREET OR HIGHWAY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LANDMARK.

7 CONTACT

PLEASE INDICATE THE PERSON TO CONTACT IF FURTHER QUESTIONS ARISE.

NAME: Philip B. DeVries
TITLE: Plant Engineer TELEPHONE NUMBER: (516) 931-8100
MAILING ADDRESS: Hooker Chemicals & Plastics Corp. - New South Road
CITY: Hicksville STATE: NY COUNTY: Nassau ZIP: 11802

8 REPORTER'S INFORMATION

NAME: Philip B. DeVries TITLE: Plant Engineer DATE: June 15, 1981
SIGNATURE: Philip B. DeVries

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5 DISCHARGE INFORMATION

RECEIVING NUMBER TYPE AND SOURCE OF FLUID OR WASTE BEING DISCHARGED

002 per SPDES permit Sanitary Wastes from Plant

LIST ALL SUBSTANCES CONTAINED IN DISCHARGED FLUID OR WASTE WHICH ARE PRESENT AS A RESULT OF YOUR OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES OR PROCESSES AND INDICATE THE AVERAGE CONCENTRATION (in MG/L) AND THE AMOUNT GENERATED (in KG/MO**) FOR EACH

None (apparent sanitary waste)

STATUS OF FACILITY:

UC	P	E
TA	PA	AN

☐ SURFACE
DISCHARGE
☒ SUBSURFACE
DISCHARGE

NORMAL USE OF DISCHARGE FACILITY (storage, disposal, etc.):

Disposal

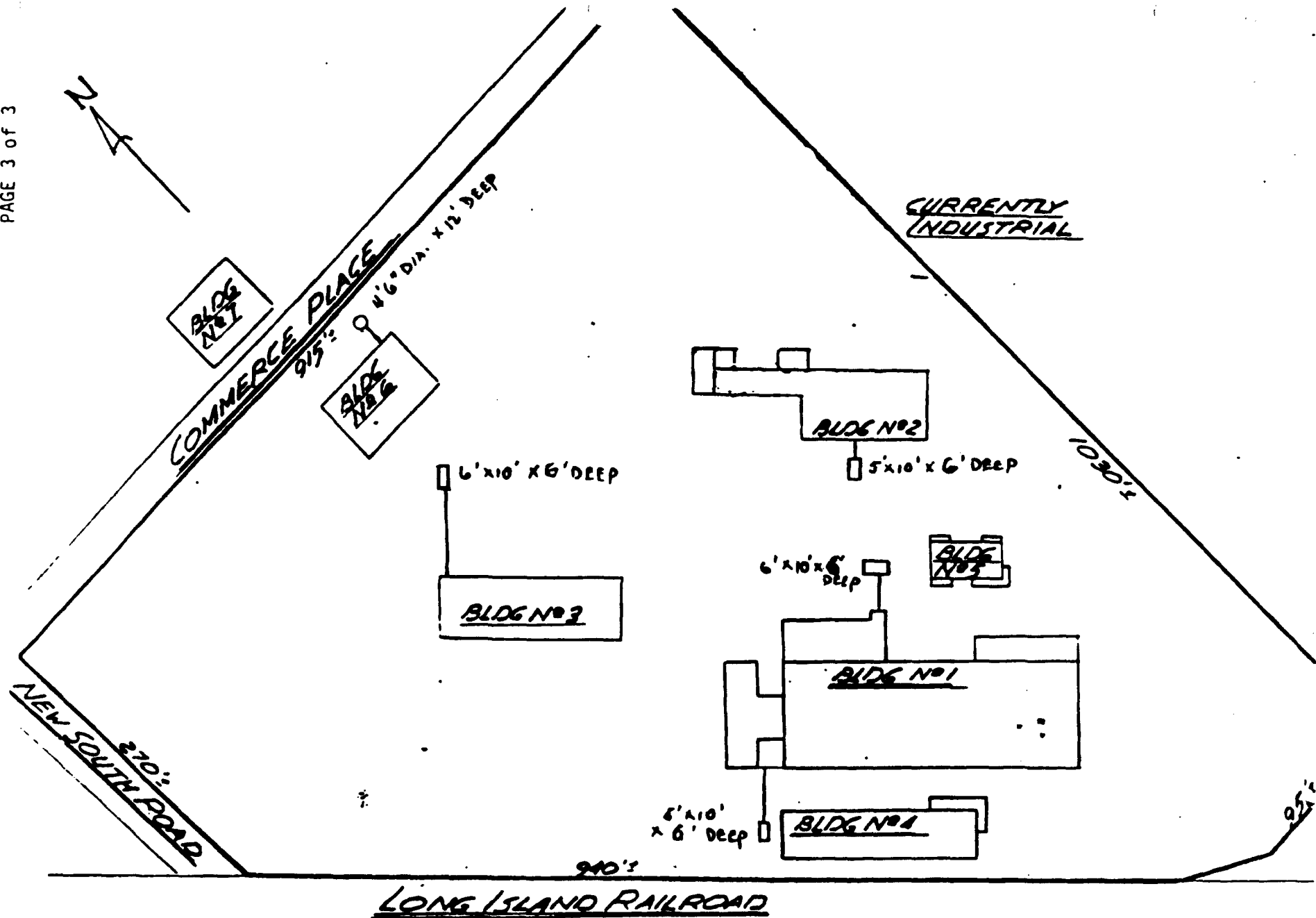
GIVE TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGE FACILITY (include depth and lateral dimensions, design flow, actual flow, etc.):

5 septic tanks, approximate dimensions [2 - 5' - 0" X 10' - 0" laterally & 6' deep
 [2 - 6' - 0" X 10' - 0" laterally & 6' deep
 [1 - 4' - 6" dia. laterally & 12' deep

Total Design flow - 4,000 gallons/day
 Actual flow - 3,000 gallons/day

- * Milligrams per liter
 ** Kilograms per month during an average month
 UC—Under construction
 E—Existing
 P—Proposed
 TA—Temporarily abandoned (indicate date and expected length of abandonment in space above boxes.)
 PA—Permanently abandoned and approved by the State (give date)
 AN—Permanently abandoned and not approved by the State (give date.)

**IF ENOUGH DISCHARGE INFORMATION SHEETS ARE NOT PROVIDED,
 PLEASE MAKE COPIES SO THAT EVERY DISCHARGE IS REPORTED**



PILOT PLAN SHOWING SEPTIC TANK
HOOVER CHEMICAL CO.
RUCO DIVISION.
 SCALE: NONE DATE: 2/19/80

Well #1

Abandoned

WPCC No.

Address SOUT POBIA H. CASHMAN

Completed 4-23-55

Driller THOMAS LA

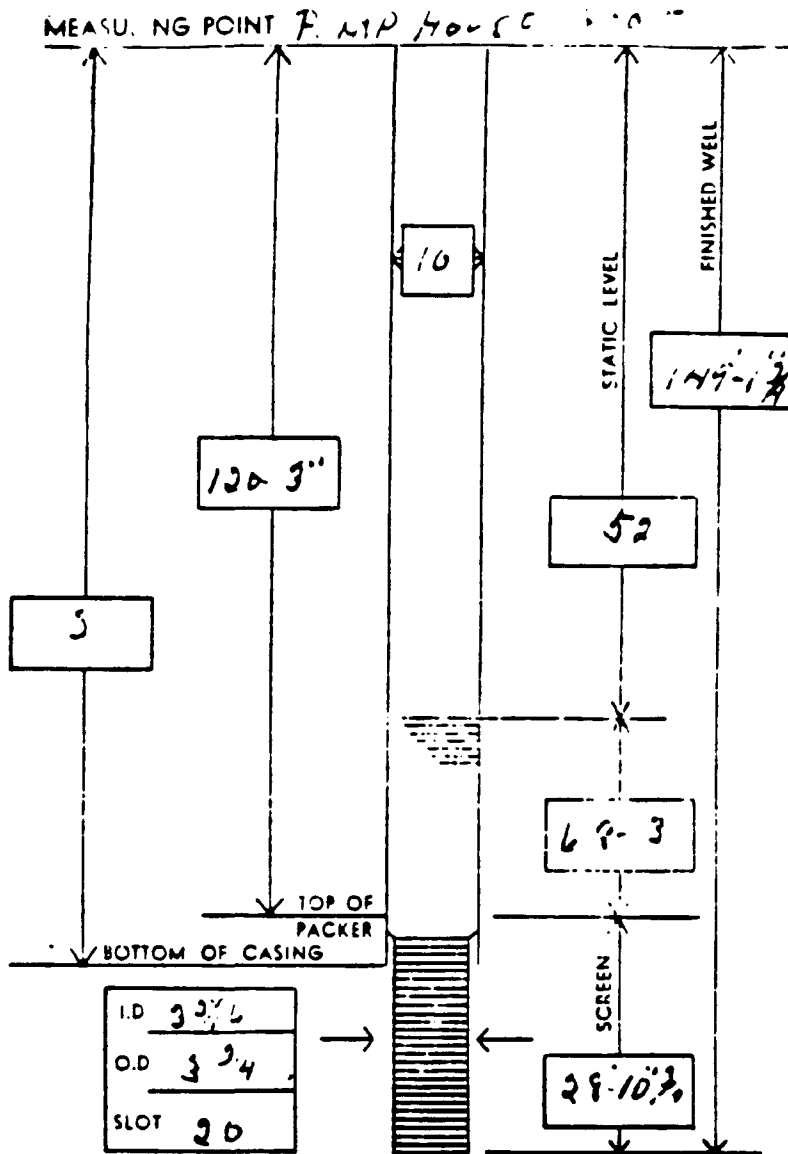
Measured from Grade ☒ Yes ☐ No

Above Ft. In. Below Ft.

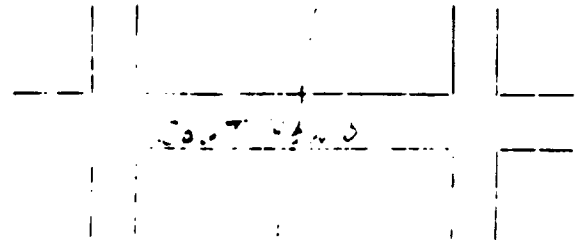
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SKETCH OF LOCATION



Show North Point

Locate well with respect to at least two streets or roads, showing distance from corner and front of lot.

Type of Screen—

300'

NOTE—If outer casings are used state diameter, length and whether or not left in the ground.

NOTE—If screen is finished off with riser, give exact description of top of riser—(size and male or female thread.)

REMARKS—1. 1/2" LINED SCREEN

1- 6" FEET LASS

1- 6" X 6" AIR

10 D - Rubber Corporation

Date 4-14-50

Address

New South Road, Hicksville, L.I.

Make *W. A. Clark*
R.S.P. *1760* 6 C.V.O. 3 Ph.

RPM 1760 TYPE VHS

REQ'D RATED

Duty: G.P.M. 300 300

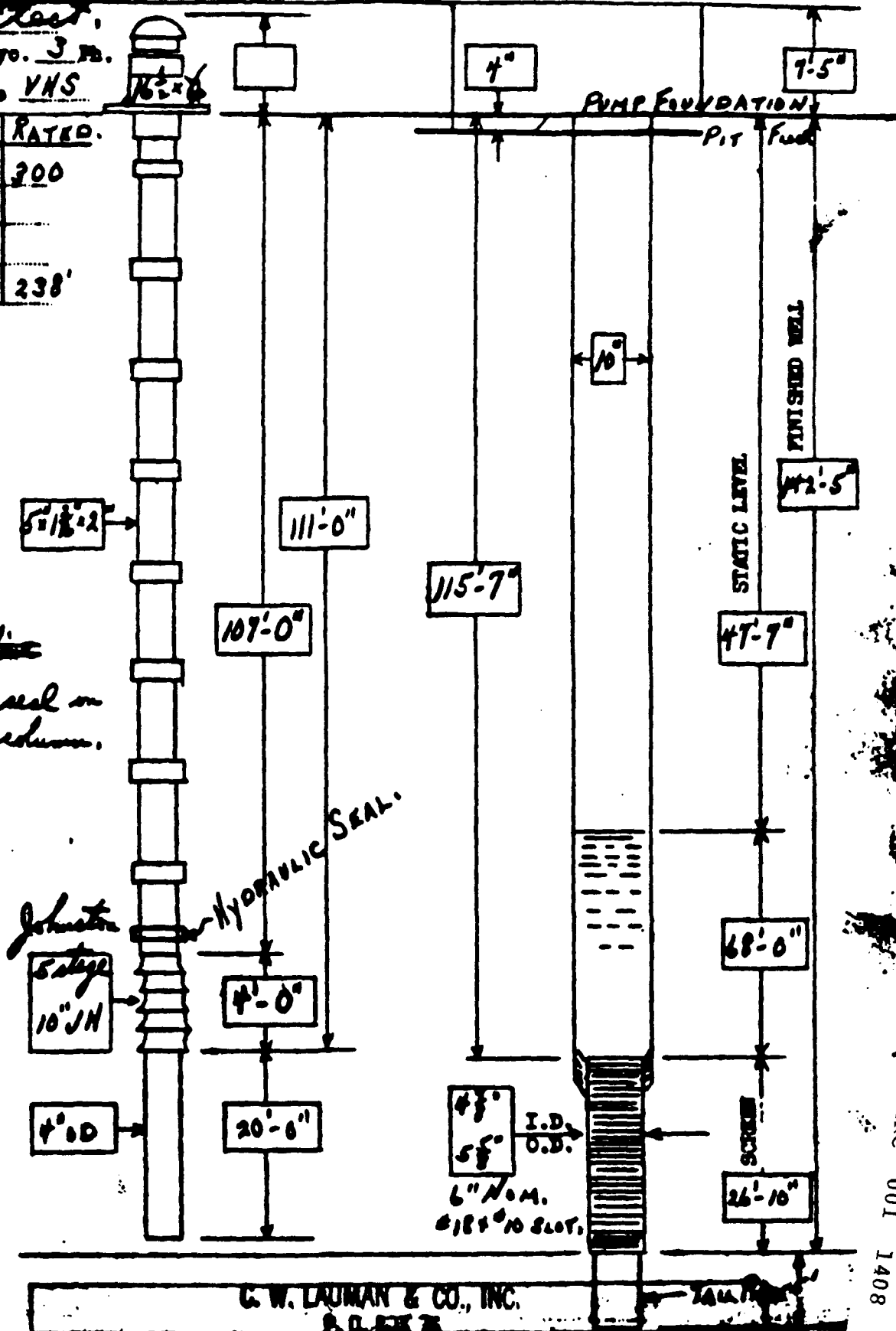
Lift

Disch. 60' (13')

T.D.H. 238'

Remarks:-

~~install~~ *install* ~~in line~~ *hydraulic seal on*
bottom section of column.



G. W. LAUMAN & CO., INC.

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Job Name Rubber Trip. of America Date Started January 2, 1957
 Date Completed March 13, 1957
 City Richmond, D.C., N.Y.
 Diameter of Well 10 ft. 10 in. Total depth of well 149 ft. 10 in.
 Static Level 55 ft. — in. To top of Screen 123 ft. — in.
 Reference Point Top of casing
 Reference Point same as above Grade Level — ft. 12 in. Driller Shenzen
 Remarks —

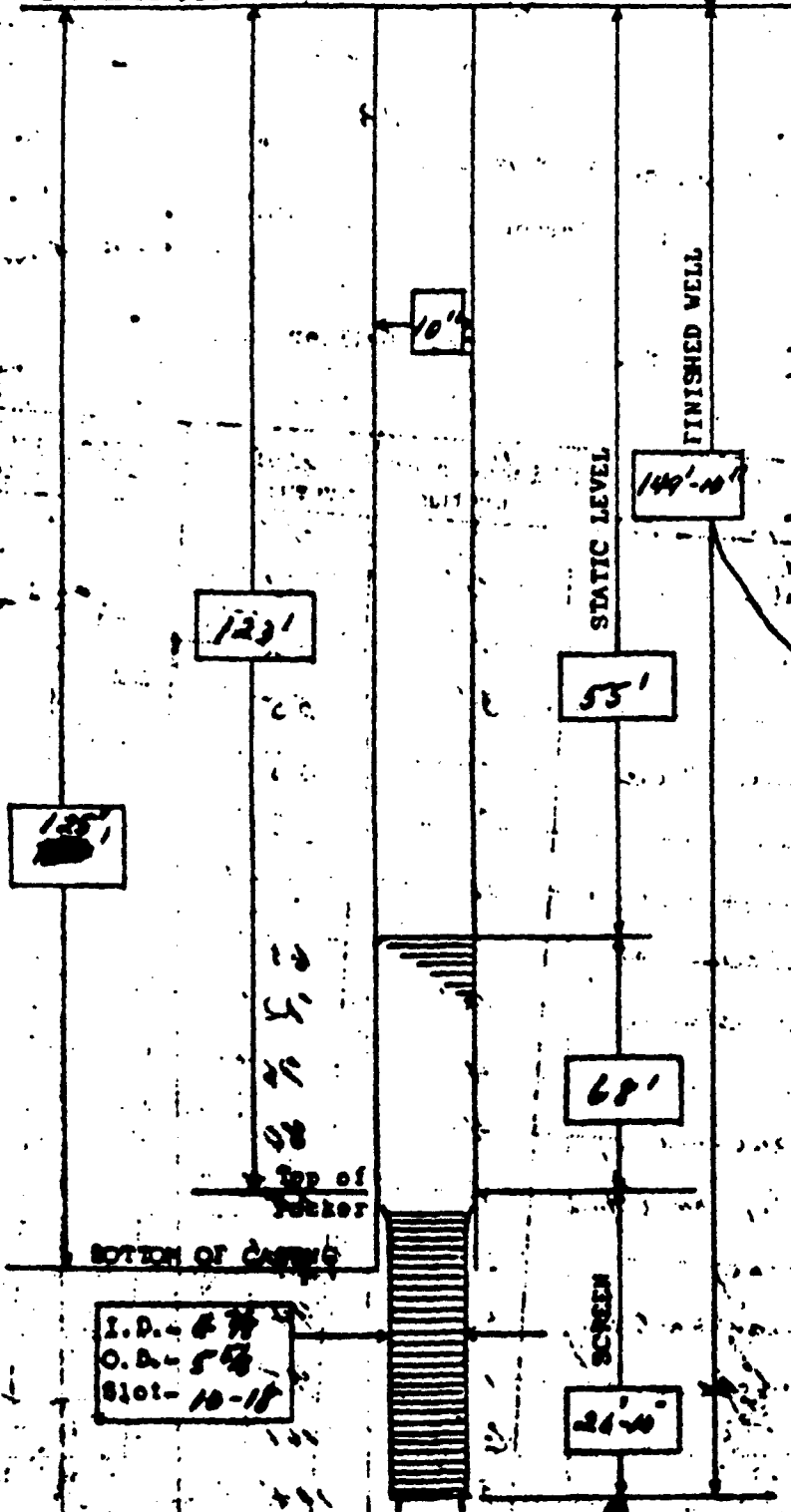
Formation	Thickness of Stratum	Depth of Stratum	Temperature	
			Sand	Water
Coarse gravel and sand	40'	40'		
Hard pan & coarse gravel	3'	43'		
Coarse gravel & sand	7'	50'		
Hard & clay	3'	52'		
Hard & clay	3'	55'		
Fine pink clay - some mica	3'	58'		
Coarse sand	3'	61'		
sand & clay (not much life)	4'	65'		
Coarse sharp gravel & sand - some clay	3'	68'		
Fine sand - brown - some clay	4'	72'		
Fine grey sand	4'	76'		
Fine brown sand - some clay	4'	80'		
Thunks of multi-colored clays hard pan	4'	84'		
Fine grey sand & some clay	6'	90'		
Fine brown sand with pieces of white clay	4'	94'		
Red sandy clay with hard pan	1'	95'		
Grey sand	6'	101'		
Fine brown sand	3'	104'		

NOTE -- Record temperatures of sand and water every 10 ft. in depth.
 NOTE -- FILL IN SKETCH ON REVERSE SIDE
 If well or screen is reduced in diameter, show on sketch.
 *Reference Point--On every job denote reference point as "cellar floor", "top of casing" etc. TAKE ALL MEASUREMENTS FROM THIS POINT. Show relation of reference point to grade level.

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GRADE LEVEL

REFERENCE POINT



All measurements from top of 10" casing which is 12" above grade. Screen is 6" slip screens with 10" packer right & left coupling on the bottom with 4" x 5' tail piece and 18" wood plug. Top of wood plug 153' 4"

Total bottom of 4" tail piece 154' 10"

top 10' #15 str.
bottom 2' 18 str

BOTTOM OF CASING

I.D. - 4 3/4"
O.D. - 5 1/2"
Slot - 10-18

SCREEN

24" 10"

1. If water casing are used state diameter length and whether or not put in the ground.

2. If screen is finished off with cap, give exact description of top of cap (also add male or female thread).

4-21-55

297'

10" x 5" Hyd. SEAL

London Turbine
#1 Impeller
Remains open impeller

10 steps
8CS

5"

5" Footrule

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$$10^9 + 4^9$$

112'-3"

A block labeled 10^4 with arrows pointing left and right.

STATIC LEVEL

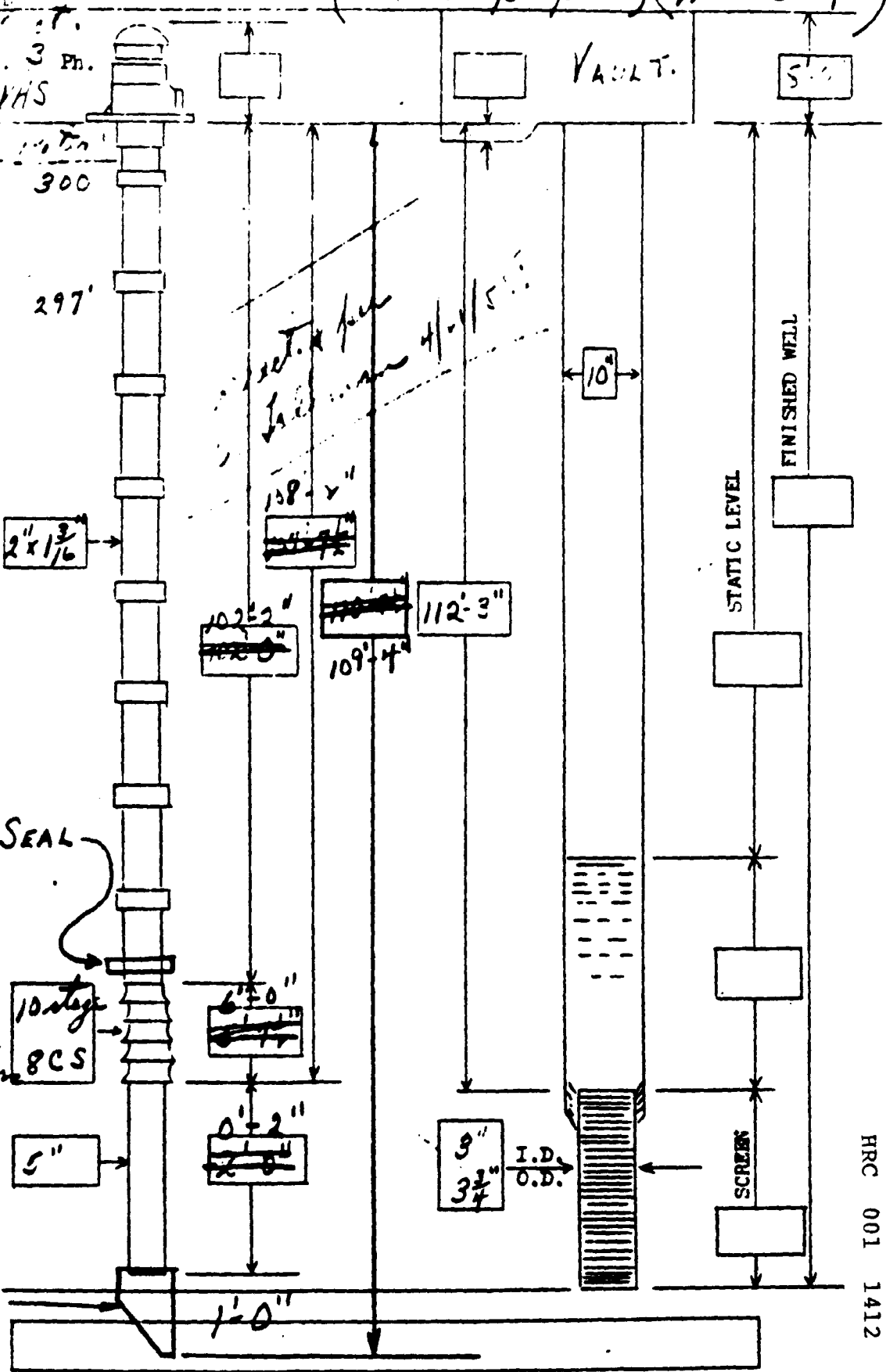
FINISHED WELL

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SCREEN	
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Well #421
(#1 Repl) 3450

LY WELL LOG

WPCC No. 071811004

ALA - Rubber Corp. of America

Address New South Rd., Hicksville, N. Y.

Rybak, Tallinn,
Dunoon

Started 10/28/88

Completed 10/24/58

Drill

Diámetro: 40 x 12 in.

Measured from Grade ☒ Yes ☐ No

Depth 247 Ft. In.

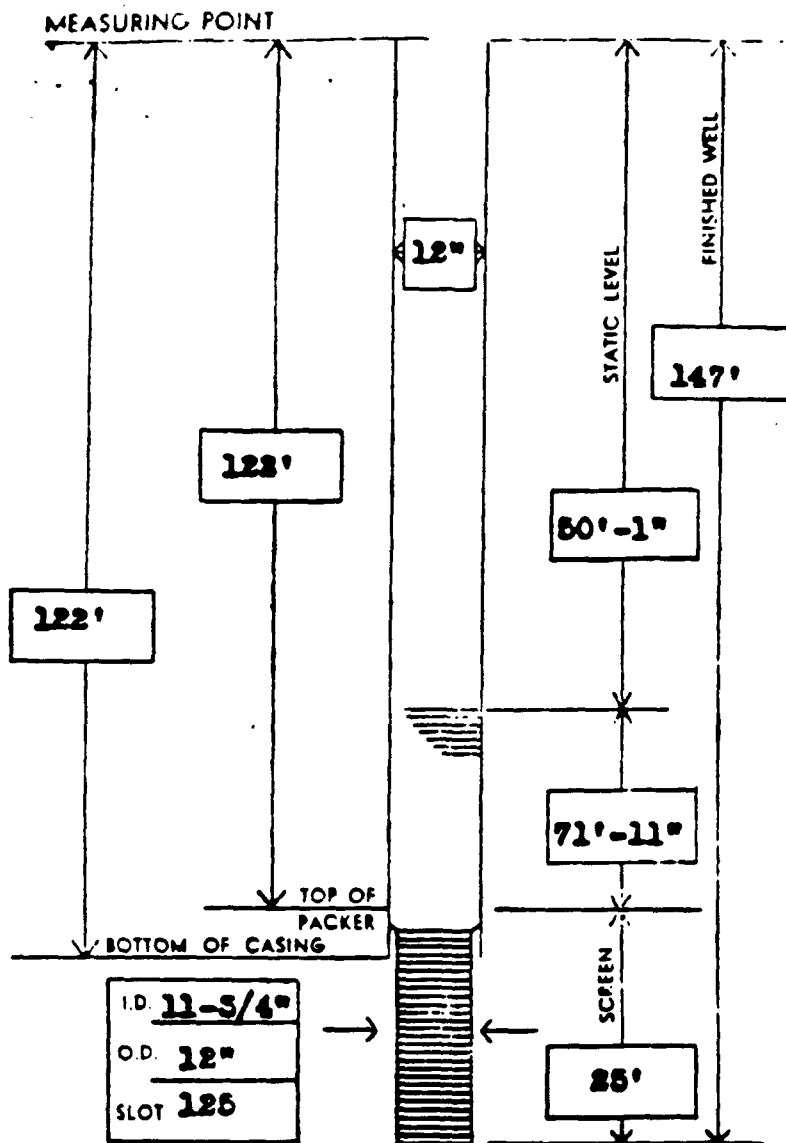
Above _____ Ft. _____ In. Below _____ Ft. _____ In.

Sta. Level 80 Ft. 1 In.

Elevation _____ Ft.

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SKETCH OF LOCATION

Show North Point
Locate well with respect to at least two streets or roads, showing distance from corner and front of lot.

Type of Screen—

**Stainless steel
twin louvre**

NOTE — If outer casings are used state diameter, length and whether or not left in the ground.

NOTE — If screen is finished off with riser, give exact description of top of riser—(size and male or female thread.)

REMARKS— **Screen is welded to bottom of 12" casing 40' rotated hole.**
Top of gravel pack 47'.

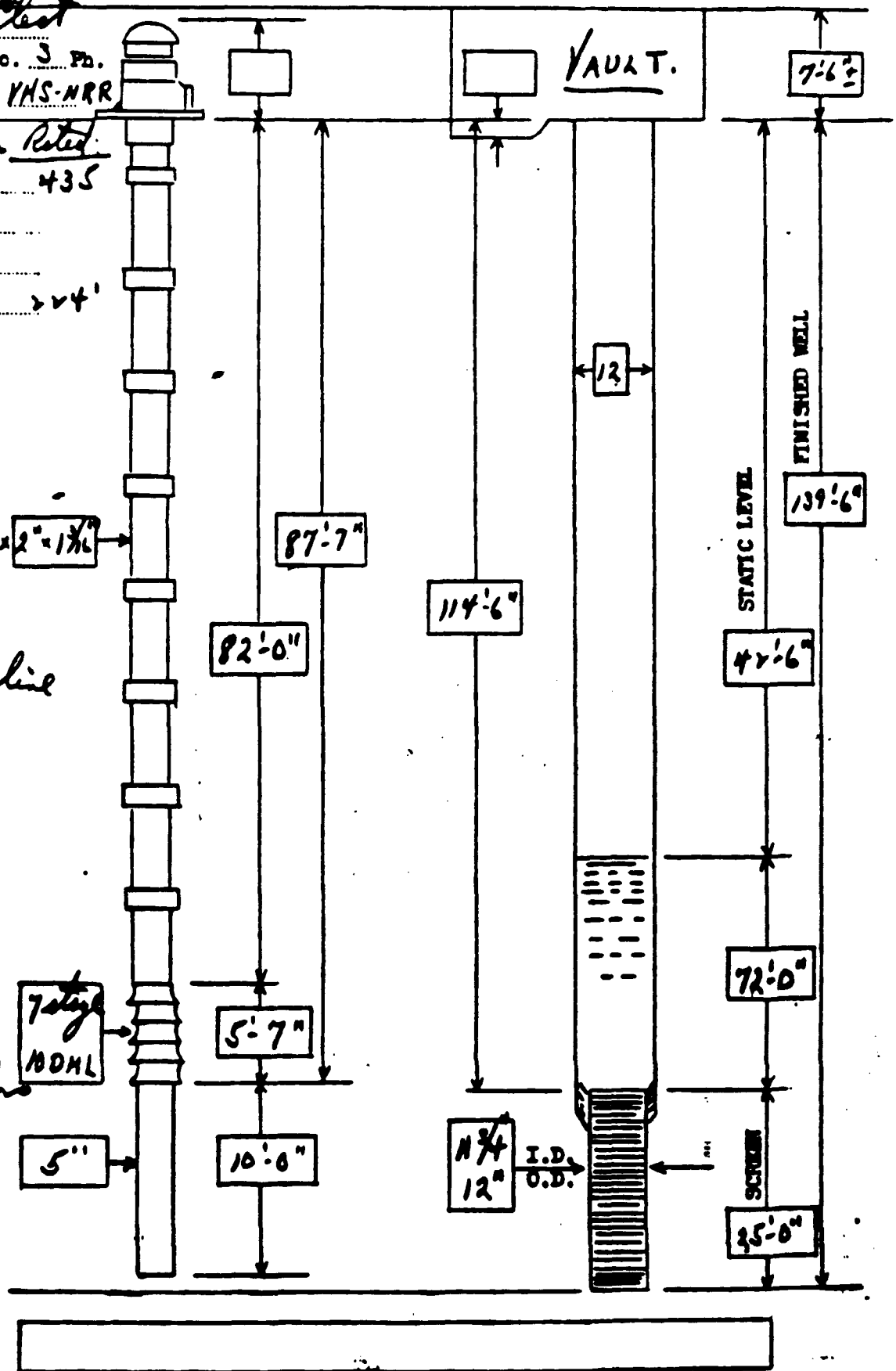
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op 8AA Rubber Corp Date 12-13-55
 Address New South Rd. Hicksville

GRADE LEVEL
 Make H. A. Elect
 30 H.P. 440V 60 Cyo. 3 Ph.
 RPM 1760 Type VHS-NRR
 Duty:- Regl. Rated
 G.P.M. 400 435
 Lift 76'
 FRICT. 8'
 Disch. 139'
 T.D.H. 223' > 24'

Remarks:-
 install 94' air line

L.P. Turbine
 1 Impellers
 in open impellers



Well #3

5268

Y WELL LOG

WPCC No. 5-5348

A - Rubber Corp. of America

Address New South Rd., Hicksville, N. Y.

dated May 11, 1955

Completed May 14, 1955

Driller Felicione Kollner

or 40"x10"x25"

Measured from Grade ☒ Yes ☐ No

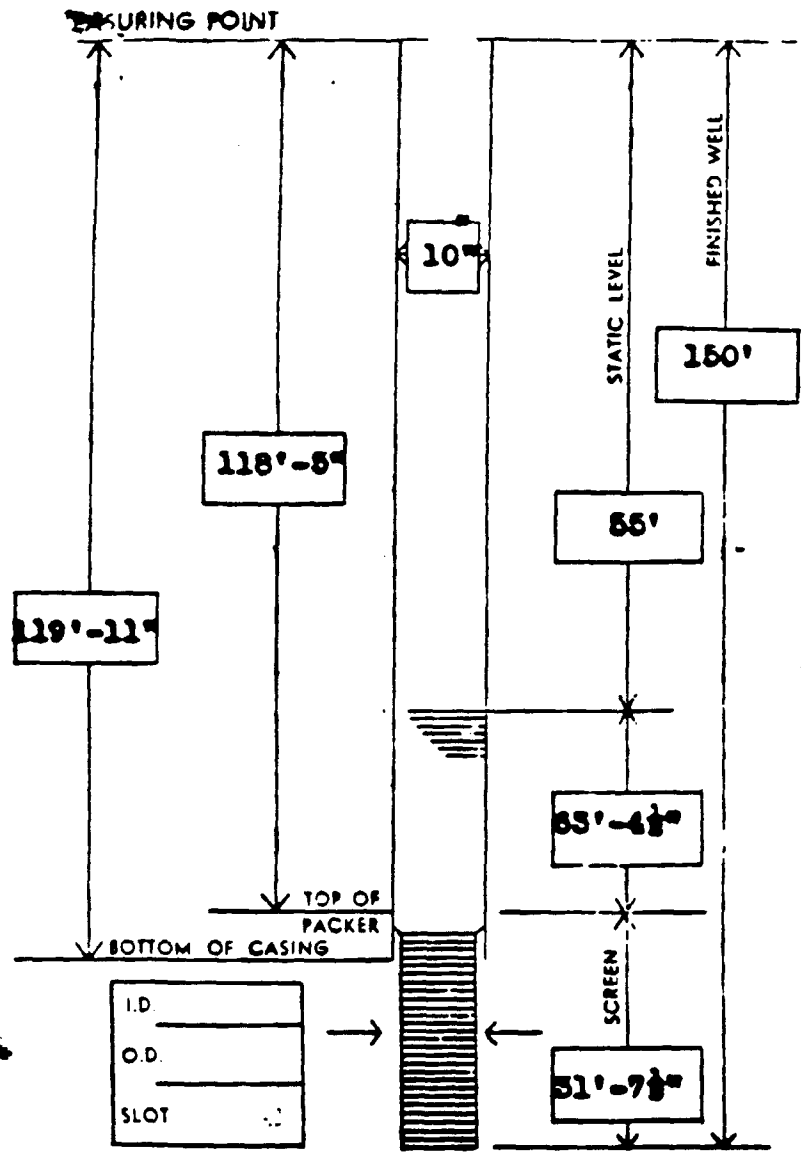
150 Ft. In.

Above Ft. In. Below Ft. In.

Level 55 Ft. In. Elevation Ft.

MOITADOJ FO NOT-NO	STRATUM		TEMPERATURE	
	THICKNESS	DEPTH	SAND	WATER
5' Topsoil, fill and clay	5	5		
17' Coarse brown sand, grits & gravel	14	17		
40' Coarse brown sand, grits, gravel & hardpan	23	40		
44 Medium brown sand & some sandy clay	4	44		
46 Sandy gray clay	2	46		
48 Fine brown sand & mica	2	48		
54 Fine gray sand & mica	6	54		
58 Fine multi-colored sand & mica	4	58		
64 Fine brown sand & mica	6	64		
67 Coarse sand, grits & clay	3	67		
75 Sandy clay, mica, hardpan	8	75		
80 Multi-colored sandy clay & mica	5	80		
84 " " " " " "	4	84		
88 Fine gray sand, some clay & mica	4	88		
92 Fine gray sand, some clay	4	92		
104 Fine sand, multi-colored clay & mica	12	104		
106 Fine brown sand, clay, hardpan	2	106		
117 Brown sandy clay & mica	11	117		
123 " " " " " "	6	123		
126 Medium coarse brown sand, some clay	3	126		
132 Fine brown sand, some clay, mica & hardpan	6	132		
142 Fine brown sand, mica	10	142		
144 Fine reddish colored sand & mica	2	144		
146 Medium coarse gray sand, hardpan, sandy clay	2	146		
148 Fine brown sand & mica	2	148		

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SKETCH OF LOCATION



Show North Point

Locate well with respect to at least two streets or roads, showing distance from corner and front of lot.

Type of Screen
8" ~~1/2~~ slot

31' long with 10 x 8 packer

OTE—If outer casings are used state diameter, length and whether or not left in the ground.

OTE—If screen is finished off with riser, give exact description of top of riser—(size and male or female thread.)

REMARKS— Well located on north side of building.

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5A Rubber imp
 Date 1/1/68
 Well #2 N 5368

U.S. E
 P. 440 V 60 C/c. J. Ph.
 1760 Type CFU

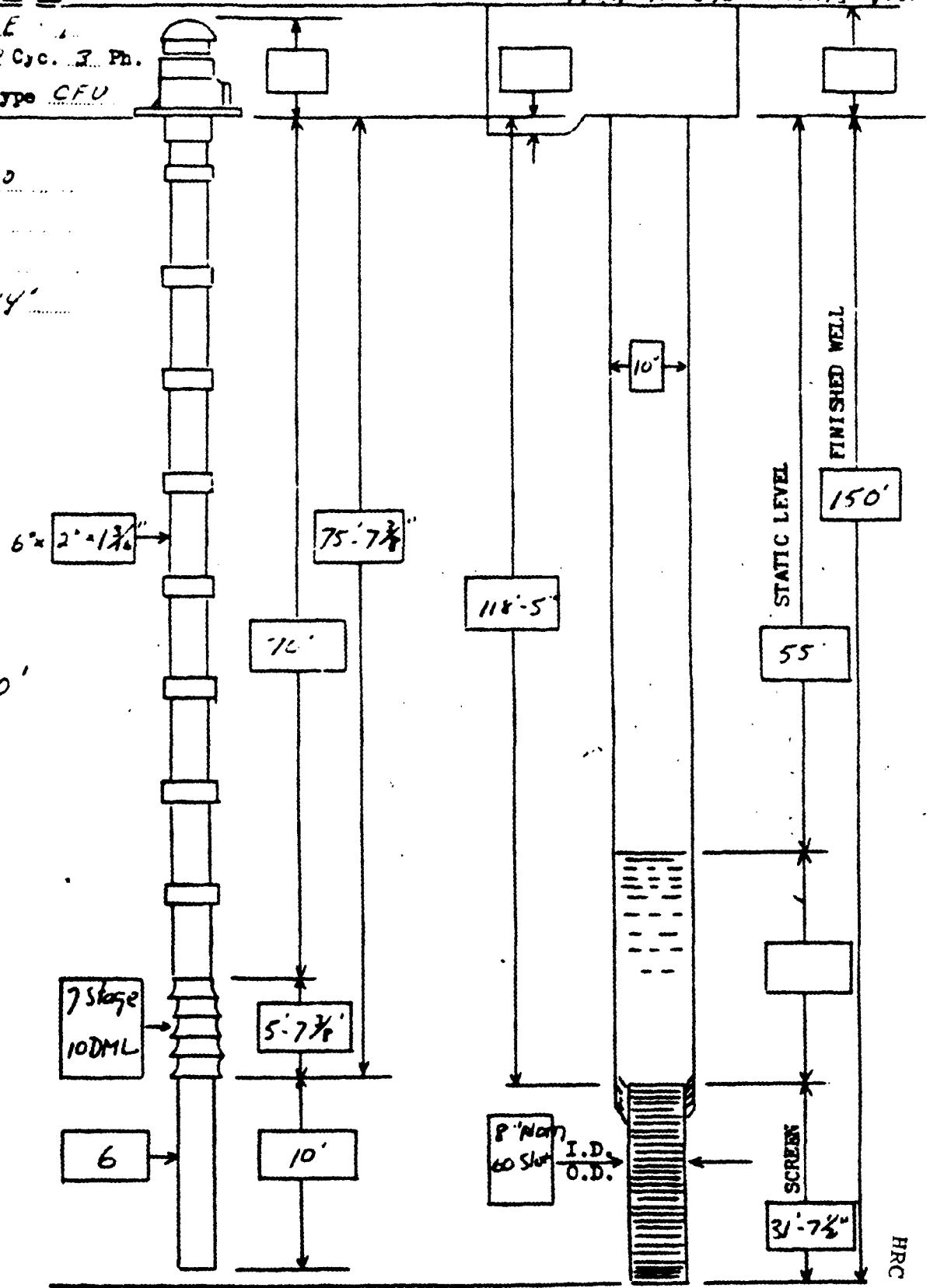
Well measurements from

Qty: -
 P.M. 400
 1ft
 Disch.
 F.D.H. 244'

Remarks:-

15 Lane 70'

U.S. Bowls
 Semi Open
 Impellers
 21 Impellers



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Insular 5390

WELL LOG

WPCC No. N-5390

Owner Calver Corp

Address New South Rd Hickory

Started 10-24-55

Completed 10-27-55

Driller

Size 12x40 In.

Measured from Grade ☒ Yes ☐ No

Depth 145 Ft. In.

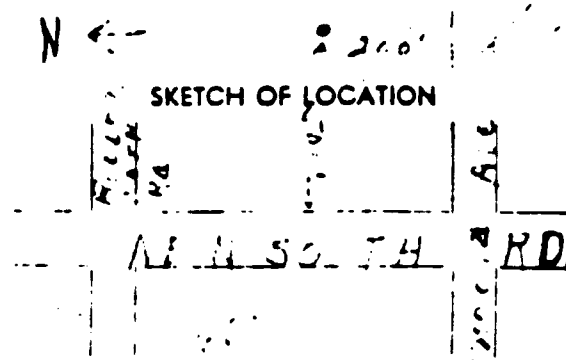
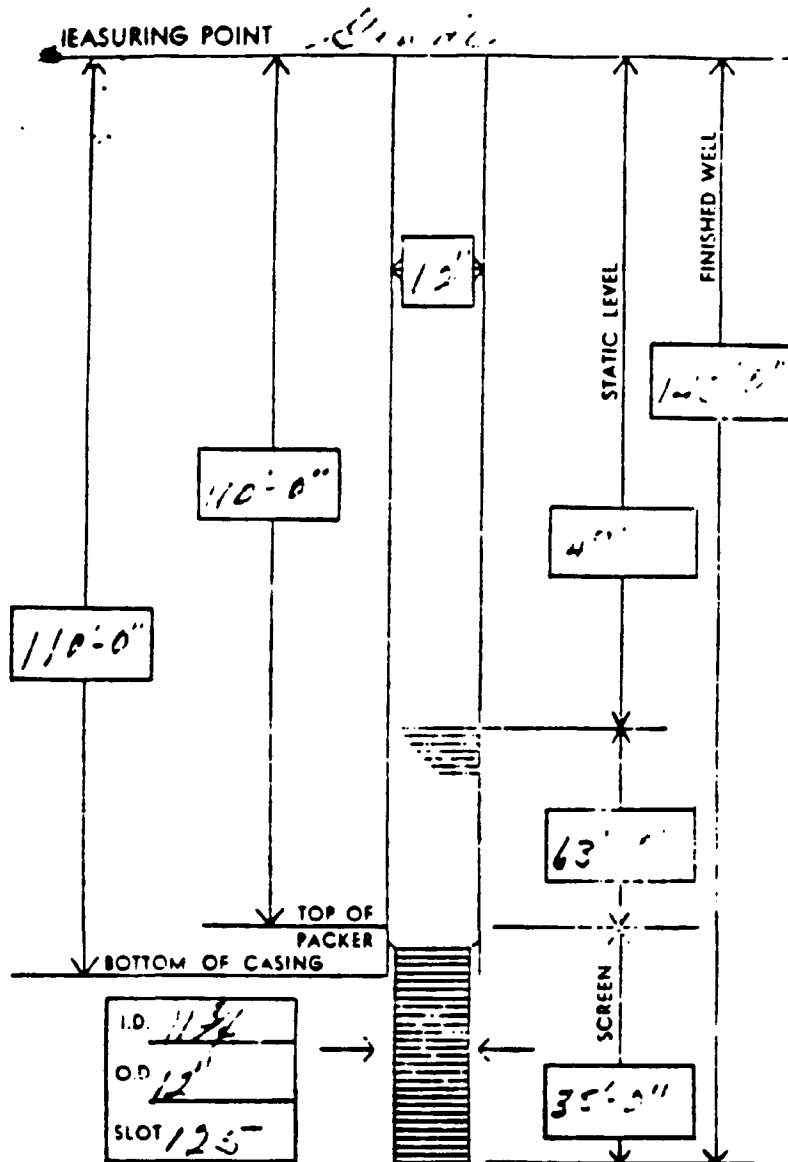
Above Ft. In. Below Ft. In.

Level 47 Ft. In.

Elevation Ft.

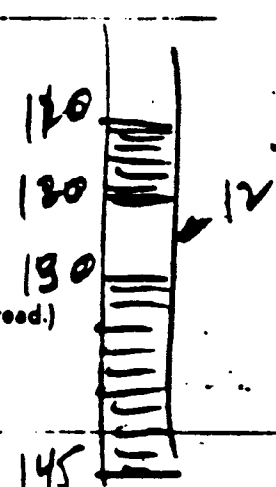
	STRATUM		TEMPERATURE	
	THICKNESS	DEPTH	SAND	WATER
Team & Top Soil	3	3		
Br Sd + Gravel	30	33		
Br Sd + Gravel Hard Pan	15	48		
Br Sdy clay	3	51		
Br Sd + Br Sdy clay	2	53		
Br Sd + Hard Pan	4	57		
Br Sd + Gravel	2	59		
Br Sd Clay, sticky	16	75		
Br Sd clay + Pyrite	10	85		
Br Sd clay Traces of Pyrite	2	87		
Br Sd clay, some Pyrite	3	90		
Br Sd Hard Pan some clay	10	100		
Br Sd mica some clay	10	110		
Br Sd Red Sand + mica	10	120		
Br Sd Filler Sd + multi co clay + mica	3	123		
Br Sd Hard Pan + multi co clay	4	127		
Br Sd some Hard Pan + mica	17	144		
Br Sd multi co clay + mica	11	155		
Br Sd + Very little clay	5	160		
Br Sd Solid + Sdy clay?	6	166		
Br Sd + streaks of sdy clay	14	180		
Br Sd multi co clay	10	190		

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Locate well with respect to at least two streets or roads, showing distance from corner and front of lot.

Type of Screen—
Screen - 12" slot



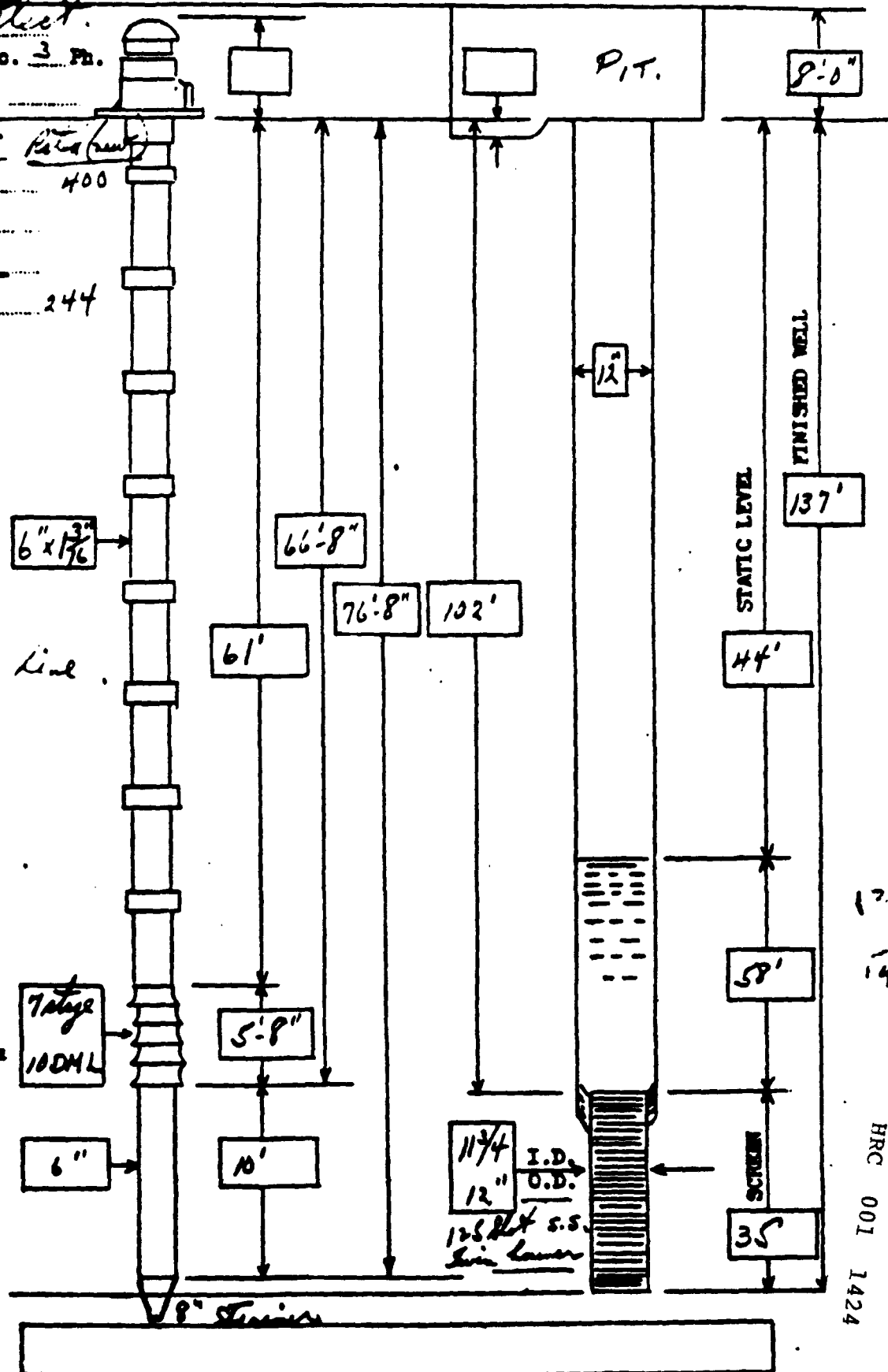
NOTE—If outer casings are used state diameter, length and whether or not left in the ground.

NOTE—If screen is finished off with riser, give exact description of top of riser—(size and male or female thread.)

REMARKS—Top of Tapwater at Surface 120' 120'
10' of 12" Steel Pipe Bore 120' 130' 145'
Bottom Section of Screen 130' - 145'
Screen Blank + 12" in. in all diam on one piece
40" B.V. Retard well to 190' + Back filling to 148'
Gravel Pack 50' to 148'

Job M.955 - Invention Hammer Date 9-28-61
 Address near South Road, Rockville

GRADE LEVEL
 Make H. S. Dietz
 30 H.P. 440 V 60 Cyo. 3 Ph.
 RPM 1760 Type
 Duty: - Regd. Rate (unit)
 G.P.M. 400 400
 Lift 60
 FRICT 3
 Disch. 139
 T.D.H. 201 244



Water level

Remarks:-
 Install 70' air line

H. S. Dietz
 Semi open impellers

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REPORT ON SURVEY OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS
CONTAINING OR SUSPECTED OF CONTAINING
HARMFUL ORGANIC CHEMICALS AND HAVING
THE POTENTIAL OF CONTAMINATING THE
GROUNDWATER OF NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

MAY 1979

JOHN J. DOWLING, M.D., M.P.H., COMMISSIONER
NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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~~ATTACHED~~

The chemical priority list (Table II), was developed based on information from the National Academy of Science's "Master List of Identified Contaminants in Drinking Water", January 6, 1976, the National Cancer Institute's position paper titled "Human Health Considerations of Carcinogenic Organic Chemical Contaminants in Drinking Water", April, 1978, and compounds found in Nassau County groundwater as identified by sampling.

Top priority was given to organic chemicals that were found in supply wells and listed as suspected carcinogens, suspected carcinogens or other harmful potential. Following these chemicals in priority were those organics not found in wells in measurable quantity but listed as possible carcinogens or otherwise harmful compounds.

Determination of Quantity Marketed

Several investigative approaches were attempted to determine the extent of use of those consumer products considered as potential contributors to groundwater contamination. As indicated in the product evaluation discussion, letters of inquiry were sent directly to the manufacturers of over 500 products of concern, requesting product ingredients and quantitative sales information. Many of the manufacturers responded that the sales information could not be provided. Several of those manufacturers that were able to provide quantitative sales data requested that the information be respected as confidential. The same results were experienced when letters of inquiry were sent to distributors.

The problem most frequently cited by manufacturers was that products were distributed in Nassau County by numerous companies and that each company most probably also distributed the product in areas other than Nassau. Therefore, it appeared that unless a manufacturer distributed his own products, he was unaware of their ultimate destination. Since there existed an alternate means of obtaining the quantitative information needed, i.e. surveying Nassau's retail establishments about their sales volumes, the manufacturer and distributor approach was not pursued further. The survey method also allowed for verification of data received from some manufacturers and distributors and enabled the Department to have non-confidential data to report.

Organic Solvent Cesspool Cleaners - Market Survey

Of the several categories of products chosen to be surveyed, priority was given to organic solvent cesspool cleaners and drain openers because of their almost direct discharge into the groundwater and the suspicion that they were sold in large volumes in unsewered areas of the County. The survey (2) indicated an estimated yearly sales volume of 76,500 gallons of organic solvent cesspool cleaning and drain opening products. A breakdown of the types of chemicals used in these products was as follows:

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<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Quantity'</u> <u>(Gallons/Year)</u>
Methylene Chloride	17,400
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	18,600
Orthodichlorobenzene	2,000
Other aromatic and halogenated compounds	<u>21,750</u>
Total suspected carcinogenic or other harmful organics	59,750
Petroleum Distillates	6,000
Inert or undetermined chemicals *	<u>10,750</u>
Total	76,500 Gallons/Yr.

Because of the concern over such large quantities of organic chemicals being discharged to the groundwater yearly from this product source and the realization that it would take about six years for all presently scheduled sewerage systems within the County to be completely operational, this information was evaluated and reported to the New York State Attorney General's Office for assistance in the development of control measures over the manufacture, sale and use of such products in the State.

Other Market Surveys

A survey on the sale of household cleansing agents was conducted in the same manner as the cesspool cleaner survey. Information regarding the sale of selected household disinfectants, laundry degreasers, solid toilet bowl deodorizers and oven cleaners was requested from all of the County's department stores, supermarkets, and sanitary supply companies. This mail survey was returned by 46 percent of the stores.

Due to time and manpower restrictions, it was necessary to limit the number and scope of the remaining market surveys. Products surveyed were limited to paint and varnish removers, solvents and cleaning agents, engine and metal degreasers, and driveway and garage degreasers. The field survey team visited and interviewed 84 establishments (18 percent) from the total number of hardware, department and automotive supply stores. Emphasis was placed on the stores located in unsewered areas of the County.

A summary of the quantities of harmful organic chemicals found in products used in Nassau County is given in Table III. Based on responses to market surveys- (approximately 32 percent), it was found that a minimum of 93,000 gallons of organic chemicals listed as carcinogens, suspected carcinogens or other harmful potential. (10, 11), are being sold yearly in the County. Extrapolation of this amount to include the entire County yields an estimated total of 288,000 gallons per year of these potentially harmful organic chemicals of concern being used by consumers in Nassau.

(* quantities updated to September 1978)

Evaluation of Deleterious Impact on Groundwater Quality

It is difficult to determine the quantity of chemicals actually being discharged into the groundwater from consumer product sources. Some types of products such as solvents and paint removers are not intended to be used in a manner which would result in chemical discharge into household sewerage systems, and other products such as driveway and garage degreasers or car cleaners only run off and evaporate or are being washed into storm drains. Considering these parameters and allowing for the operation of sewers in large areas of the County, it is somewhat arbitrarily estimated that 10 percent of the quantities of all product categories except cesspool cleaners are discharged to the ground.

Taking 10 percent of the quantities of chemicals of concern found in all major product categories and 100 percent of the chemical quantities from the cesspool cleaning products yields an estimate of nearly 83,000 gallons of organic chemicals of suspected carcinogenicity or other harmful potential being discharged yearly to the groundwaters of Nassau County.

A sample taken from cesspool waste scavengers represented domestic wastes collected from four separate residences. This sample had high levels of 1,1,1 trichloroethane (630 ppb) and a lesser amount of chloroform, (80 ppb). An attempt was made to identify which residence(s) contributed the high level of organics to the sample and what possible commercial substances were used by the homeowner(s) that might be responsible for the presence of organics. Only one of the homeowners could be reached for questioning and it was ascertained that a commercial cesspool cleaning compound had been used approximately one year prior to the cesspool pumpout.

From the information obtained, it could not be determined that the cesspool cleaning compound was responsible for the high level of organics detected in the residential sample. However, the presence of volatile organics in high levels confirms the premise that consumer products are being released to the domestic sewerage system and are not being consumed nor evaporated entirely by their usage.

Testing of Public Supply Wells

A comprehensive investigation of contamination of the County's groundwater by organic chemicals was initiated in November, 1976. Until recently, laboratory capabilities only allowed for analysis of approximately 15 volatile halogenated and non-halogenated organic constituents. County and State laboratories were unable to routinely test for several chemicals which are commonly found in many consumer products, such as methylene chloride, ortho and para-dichlorobenzene, methyl ethyl ketone, butyl cellosolve, naphthenes and acetone, all of which are listed in the NIOSH registry of suspected carcinogens (11).

The present testing is being reviewed for modifications to accommodate analysis for these chemicals. This will enable the Department to monitor drinking water for their presence and determine whether the consumer products containing these chemicals pose a potential environmental hazard. Presently, the products containing these chemicals are only "suspected" of contributing to groundwater contamination, based on the volume of their usage.

TABLE II

Priority List of Chemicals
Nassau County Department of Health

Priority I - Found in wells and listed as:

- A. Carcinogenic or harmful compound.
- B. Possible carcinogenic or harmful (NAS List)

1. A - Vinyl chloride (chloroethylene)
2. B - Dichloroethylene
3. B - Trichloroethylene
4. B - Chloroform
5. B - Toluene
6. B - Benzene
7. B - Bromodichloromethane
8. B - Carbon tetrachloride
9. B - Methylene chloride
10. B - Dibutylphthalate
11. B - Tetrachloroethylene

Priority II - Not Found in wells in measurable quantity but listed as possible carcinogenic or harmful compounds.

1. Benzopyrene
2. 2,4-Dichlorophenol
3. 2,4-Dimethy phenol
4. Bis (2-Chloroethyl) ether
5. Pentachlorobiphenyl
6. Tetrachlorobiphenyl
7. Trichlorobiphenyl
8. Carbon disulfide
9. Acetaldehyde
10. Bis-(2-Chloroisopropyl) ether
11. Diphenylhydrazine
12. 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol
13. Styrene
14. 2,4-dichloromethylphenol
15. Methyl methacrylate
16. Methyl stearate
17. Dichlorodifluoroethane
18. Bromoform
19. Chlorodibromomethane
20. 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
21. Pentachlorophenol
22. Chlorobenzene*
23. Crotonaldehyde
24. Hexachloroethane
25. Isodecane
26. Nonane

TABLE II Cont'd.

27. Propylbenzene
28. 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
29. Trimethylbenzene
30. Xylene- (o,m,p dimethylbenzene)
31. Chloral
32. di-(2-ethyl hexyl) phthalate
33. Dichloroiodomethane
34. di-n-octyladipate
35. Nicotine
36. Phenylacetic acid
37. t-butyl alcohol
38. Bromobenzene
39. Bromochlorobenzene (o,m,p)
40. Butyl bromide
41. e-caprolactum
42. 1,2-bis(-chloroethoxy)ethane
43. Chloroethyl ethyl ether
44. 2-Chloroethyl methyl ether
45. Chlorohydroxybenzophenone (All substances in 1 ring)
46. Chloromethyl ethyl ether
47. m-chloronitrobenzene
48. 1-chloropropene
49. Cyanogen chloride
50. Dibromobenzene
51. Dibromodichloroethane
52. 1,3-Dichloropropene
53. 1,1-Dichloro 2-haxane
54. Dichloropropane (all isomers)
55. 1,2-Dimethoxybenzene
56. 4,6-Dinitro-2-aminophenol
57. Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene
58. Hexachlorophene
59. o-Methoxyphenol
60. Methyl chloride
61. Oxtyl chloride
62. Pentachlorophenyl methyl ether
63. Phthalic anhydride
64. 1,1,3,3-Tetrachloroacetone
65. Trichlorofluoromethane

Priority III - Found in wells but not listed as suspected carcinogenic compounds:

1. Napthalenes
2. Methyl Napthalene
3. Dimethyl Napthalene
4. Ethyltoluene
5. C Benzenes
6. Fluorene (diphenyl methane benzidene)
7. Octyl phenols
8. Trichlorotrifluoroethane
9. Ethyl ether

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NEW SOUTH ROAD, HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK 11802
PHONE (516) 931-8100

Jan. 5, 1977

Mr. John F. Welsch
Nassau County Department of Health
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
240 Old Country Road
Mineola, N.Y. 11501

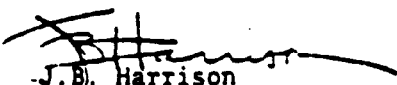
Dear Mr. Welsch:

On 11/29/76 you wrote our Mr. Philip DeVries, requesting an update list of chemicals purchased and used by Hooker at the Hicksville plant. You requested this information in the form of an update, and also over the last seven years.

In response to your request, we are supplying you with lists of chemicals purchased and used at Hicksville as follows:

- a. Raw materials used by the Chemicals & Plastics Group RUCO Division, Hicksville, 1970,
- b. Raw Material Requirement, Hooker Chemical/RUCO Division, Hicksville plant, calendar year 1971,
- c. Raw Material Requirement, Hooker Chemical/RUCO Division, Hicksville plant, calendar year 1972,
- d. Raw Material Requirement, Hooker Chemical/RUCO Division, Hicksville plant, calendar year 1973,
- e. Raw Material Requirement, Hooker Chemical/RUCO Division, Chemical Business Area, calendar year 1974,
- f. Raw Material Requirement, Hooker Chemical/RUCO Division, Chemical Business Area, calendar year 1975,
- g. Raw Material Requirement, Hooker Chemical/RUCO Division, Chemical Business Area, calendar year 1976,
- h. Hicksville Dry Blends plant, Raw Materials Used 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976.

Sincerely yours,


J. B. Harrison
Plant Manager

Enclosures
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RESEARCH
DEPT. OF THE ARMY
R&D MATERIALS USED 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976

R&D MATERIAL DESCRIPTION:

313R Fenaco Resin (G155)
B-255 R200 Resin
B-221 R200 Resin
H-303 R200 Resin
Irvitol 537 Resin
Kane Ace B22
Alko MS. (Glycer 6060)
Boscht Wax E
Glycolube PC
25 Zinc Toner
161 8071 (Synpron 1011, IM 180)
Barium Stearate (Synpron 160)
Acraxax C
Raven 1035 (Regal 300, N219, 999 Powder, Superdial)
K 120 ND
K 120 N (Supercryl 100)
Ti O₂
Calcium Stearate
XL 165 (Rosswax 165, Aristowax 165)
AC 629A
K 125
Oxylite 95 T
Adler Tint
Oxylite
T-31
T-20
Poly Flo PVN
CC 7500
CC 10
AM 229
Rhodoriol
Kane Ace PA 20
Vinylube 36
Synpron 1337
Drageex 6.8
IOP
Lubrol TSC
Irvitol 540 E, 640 Resin
B-202 Resin (Fenaco 10R)
Glycolube 200
Geon 654
DMA
Synpron 1135
Timovin P
AM 324B
DB AM 47
Mark 900
Mark 1500

Therm 813
Therm 831
Inceest 2201
Ca et 2201
Mark 127
540-1
550-2
65% Rutile
33 Black D
Toner BB 101 P
G-62 (Vikoflex 7170)
Calcium Zinc Toner
Mark 926
Mark 1500
14 Zirs
Stantone D1005
Iryinol 659
CPE 3614
Cab-O-Sil
Titare R-101
KM 220
T 106
Advawax 140
B-312 Resin
K-214-12
Escoflex 150
Nvostab V98?
Mark 292
Mark 583
B-28 Resin
Synpron 768
Celogen AT
TDA Toner
DIN?
Mark 88
Mark C
Stearic Acid
E-311 Resin
EP-8
EP-0
Drapex 1.4
Ultra Marine Blue
RQ-100
PFR 100
Fintole Plast.
Staflax 626
VC-111
DIO?

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HOOKER CHEMICAL & PLASTICS GROUP

RUCO DIVISION

1970

Raw Material Description

Chem 233 2-Ethyl Hexanol
Chem 1002 Perchloroethylene
Chem 1003 Phthalic Anhydride
Chem 1004 Iso Octyl Alcohol
Chem 1008 Adipic Acid
Chem 1010 Butyl Alcohol
Chem 1015 Triethylene Glycol
Chem 1022 Iso Decyl Alcohol
Chem 1032 Fumaric Acid
Chem 1033 Maleic Anhydride
Chem 1055 Tri Decyl Alcohol
Chem 1060 Ethylene Glycol
Chem 1061 1, 4 Butanediol
Chem 1074 Methyl Amyl Alcohol
Chem 1093 Methylene 2208
Chem 1094 Methylene 2209
Chem 1102 Iso Phthalic Acid
Chem 1117 Trimellitic Anhydride
Chem 1120 Hylone IM
Chem 1122 Cellulose Acetate Butyrate
Chem 1124 Ethyl Acetate
Chem 1125 Toluol
Chem 1129 Glycol Blend
Chem 1138 Azelaic Acid
Chem 1145 Alfol 610
Chem 1149 Di Methyl Formamide
Chem 1152 Isopropanol
Chem 1164 Di Iso Butyl Carbinol
Chem 1177 Croco 6 Oleic Acid
Chem 2042 1, 6 Hexane Diol
Chem 2043 Iso Butyl Alcohol
Chem 2044 Multirathane M
Chem 2056 Alfol 810

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RUCO DIVISION

1970

Raw Material Description

Chem 2061 Neopentyl Glycol
Chem 2062 Diethylene Glycol
Chem 2074 Hylene W
Chem 2083 Mondur TD 80
Chem 2209 Methyl Cellosolve
Chem 2257 N Propanol
Soil 113 Xylol
Soil 131 Methyl Ethyl Ketone

RESIN

Chem 1 Vinyl Chloride
Chem 2 Trichlorethylene
Chem 8 Vinyl Acetate

ATEX

Chem 25 Styrene
Chem 26 Butadiene
Chem 35 Dresinate 731

DRY BLEND & PELLETS

Syn 965 VC-65 Resin
Syn 966 Blacar 384 or VC-113 Resin
Syn 971 VC-95 Resin
Syn 986 VC-80 Resin
Syn 994 Acryloid K 120-N
Syn 998 C-155 Rucon Resin
Syn 1007 Kane Ace B-12
Syn 1008 B-28 Rucon Resin
Syn 1009 B-22 Rucon Resin
Syn 1013 B-20 Rucon Resin
Syn 1016 B-34 Rucon Resin
Syn 1048 KM-636

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RUCO DIVISION

1970

Raw Material Description

DRY BLEND & PELLETS (cont'd.)

Chem 1160 Advawax 140
Chem 2053 Adol RP Glycolube
Chem 2069 M & T 831
Chem 2119 M & T 813
Chem 2020 TM 918*
Chem 2081 RO 37*
Chem 2178 Mark 1197

RAW MATERIAL REQUIREMENT
HOOKER CHEMICAL/HUCO DIVISION-HICKSVILLE PLANT
CALENDAR YEAR 1971

CODE #	Material Description
Chem 1	Vinyl Chloride
5	Lauroyl Peroxide
7	Gelatin
11	Acetic Acid
25	Styrene Monomer
26	Butadiene
27	Potassium Persulfate
28	Dodecyl Mercaptan
29	Dresinate 208 70%
35	Dresinate #731
37	Methocel 65 HG 50 C-S
39	Potassium Chloride
41	Di Vinyl Benzine
154	Aqua Ammonia
159	Formaldehyde 40%
163	Oleic Acid
166	Potash Caustic Flake
175	Triethanolamine
197	Silicate of Soda
228	Tetra Ethanol Ammonia
233	2-Ethyl Hexanol
1001	Toluene Sulphonic Acid
1002	Perchlorethylene
1003	Phthalic Anhydride
1004	Iso-Octyl Alcohol
1008	Adipic Acid
1010	Butyl Alcohol
1015	Triethylene Glycol
1016	Stabilizer 13-V-5MA
1022	Iso Decyl Alcohol
1023	Bisphenol "A"
1032	Fumaric Acid
1033	Maleic Anhydride
1035	Pelargonic Acid
1055	Tri Decyl Alcohol
1056	1,3 Butylene Glycol
1060	Ethylene Glycol
1061	1,4 Butanediol
1066	Glycerol
1072	Thermolite #12
1080	Neofat #16
1082	Bicarbonate of Soda
1093	Methyl Caprylate
1094	Methylene 2055
1102	Iso-Phthalic Acid
1117	Trimesic Anhydride
1119	Tri Methylol Propane
1120	Nylene T M
1121	Cellusolve Acetate
1122	Cellulose Acetate Butyrate
1124	Ethyl Acetate
1125	Toluol
1126	Propylene Glycol
1127	Stannous Chloride
1128	P.M. 346 Glycol Blend

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1144	Tetra isopropyl Titanate
1145	Alfol-G-10 Alcohol
1149	Dimethyl Formamide
1152	Isopropanol
1158	Acrawax C
1160	Adwax 140
1162	Hoechst Wax E
1164	Di Iso Butyl Carbinol
1198	Sympron 160
2020	T M 918
2026	Stabilizer B-V-1
2042	1,6 Hexanediol
2043	Iso-Butyl Alcohol
2044	Multrathane 17
• 2046	S-101 Polyester
• 2047	S-102-160 Polyester
• 2048	S-103
• 2049	S-105
2050	S-106
2053	Aldo R. P.
2056	Alfol 810
2061	Neopentyl Glycol
2062	Diethylene Glycol
• 2066	S-1019-75 Polyester
2069	T-831
2070	1,2,6 Hexane
2073	Poly C-1020 P Diol
2074	Hylene W
2081	Tin Stabilizer R-037
2101	Sarkosyl L
• 2104	CO-75 Polyurethane
2114	Tetra Hydro Furan
• 2115	CO-77 Polyurethane
2119	M & T 813
2122	Poly C 630 P
2130	Cab Intern Sol.
2142	Cymol 301
2143	Morpholine
2156	1010 Catalyst
• 2175	S-102-70 Polyester
• 2176	S-1015-135
2180	Thermolite T-9
• 2182	M D I Stearate
• 2183	T D I Stearate
• 2185	R-109-300 Polyester
2192	C S Grade Talc
1133	Stabilizer Sympron 512
MAIN	0 Water
	1 Revertex
	2 B. Revertex
	20 Neoprene Latex Type
•	64 Regular Concentrate
•	83 Type 2000
•	85 Type 1009
•	86 Type 2000 L
EX	307 Clay - Ordinary
	372 Hyflo Super-Cel
DAB	234 Darvan #1
	256 Emulphor
	259 Nckal BA 75
	271 Aquarex MDL Paste
	285 Darvan #7
	286 #955 Casein
	287 Maranipernc

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Code #	Material Description
Chem 1	Vinyl Chloride Mono.
2	Trichlorethylene
5	Lauroyl Peroxide
7	Gelatin
8	Vinyl Acetate
25	Styrene Monomer
26	Butadiene
27	Potassium Persulfate
28	Dodecyl Mercaptan
35	Dresinate 731
37	Methocel 65 HG-50 CPS
39	Potassium Chloride
41	Divinyl Benzene
154	Aqua Ammonia
159	Formaldehyde 40%
163	Oleic Acid
166	Potash Caustic Tech.
175	Triethanolamine
197	"KV" Silicate of Soda
228	Tetra Ethanol Ammon.
233	2-Ethyl Hexanol
1001	Toluene Sulphonic
1002	Perchloroethylene
1003	Phthalic Anhydride
1004	Iso-octyl Alcohol
1008	Adipic Acid
1015	Triethylene Glycol
1016	Dibutyl Tin Di laurate
1020	Neofat #16
1022	Iso-Decyl Alcohol
1023	Bisphenol "A"
1032	Fumaric Acid
1033	Maleic Anhydride
1035	Palaeonic Acid
1055	Tri Decyl Alcohol
1050	Ethylene Glycol
1061	1,4 Butanediol
1066	Glycerol
1074	Methyl Amyl Alcohol
1082	Bicarbonate of Soda
1093	Methyl Caprylate

1094	Methylene 2855
1097	EC-100
1102	Iso-Phthalic Acid
1112	EC - 240
1117	Trimellitic Anhydride
1121	Cellosolve Acetate
1122	Cellulose Acetate But
1124	Ethyl Acetate
1125	Toluol
1127	Stannous Chloride
1129	P.M. 3866 Glycol Bl.
1144	Tetraisopropyl Titan.
1145	Alfol- 610 Alcohol
1149	Di Methyl Formamide
1152	Isopropanol
1158	Aerawax C
1164	Di-Iso Butyl Carbinol
1170	Mondur S
1181	Topanol CA
1187	Multrathon R-74
1198	Synpron 160
2026	Stabilizer 8-V-1
2042	1,6 Hexandiol
2043	Iso Butyl Alcohol
2044	Multrathane M
* 2046	S-101-55 Polyester
* 2047	S-102-160 "
* 2048	S-103 "
* 2049	S-105 "
* 2050	S-106 "
* 2051	CO-20-S Polyurethane
2056	Alfol 810
2061	Neopentyl Glycol
2062	Diethylene Glycol
2065	Stabaxol I
* 2066	Polyester S-1019-75
2074	Hylene W
2083	Mondur TD 80
2114	Tetra Hydro-Furan
2117	1,4 Cyclohexanedimeth.
2141	T-18
2142	Cymel 301
2143	Morpholine
2156	1010 Catalyst
2168	Iso Nonyl Alcohol
2183	T D I Stearate
* 2186	S-103-35 Polyester
* 2191	S-1021-110 Polyester
2192	C S Grade Talc
* 2159	S-502 Polyester

2196	Chemetron Wax 100
2198	Di Ethylamine
* 2200	S-1011-35 Polyester
* 2201	F-101-60
2203	T M D 1
2203	L-45 Silicone
2208	1,6 Hexamethylene
2209	Methyl Cellosolve
2211	Myristyl Helene W
2214	Carstan 8
2215	Carstan 18
* 2221	R-101-110 Polyester
* 2226	S-105-40 "
* 2227	S-1015-120-220 "
* 2228	XL 2268 L Prepolymer
* 2231	20% M T S A
2233	Surfactant 1165 G.E.
* 2237	S-1023-20 Polyester
2239	Hecinoleic Acid
* 2242	S-105-75-150 Polyester
* 2243	S-1021-70-150 "
* 2244	S-1019-75-200 "
* 2248	S-102-40-150 "
* 2249	S-105-55-78 "
* 2250	S-102-70-180 "
2256	Cyclohexane Bi Methy.
2257	N-Propanol
* 2273	S-1019-15 & S-1019-55
MAIN	
0	Water
1	Revertex
2	60% Natural Latex
20	Neoprene Latex
EX	
307	Clay-Ordinary
372	Hvflo Sper-Cel
DAB	
254	Darvan
256	Emulphor
259	Nekal BA 75
271	Aquatex MDL Paste
286	#955 Cascin
287	Marsperse
288	Blanco N
COLL	
682	Gum Arabic
701	Methocel 100 Cps.

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702	Acrysol G S	122
708	Ludox Colloidal Sil.	36,912
709	Methocel 8000	17
RODE		
611	Water Soluble Deod.	13
VULC		
10	Neozone D	1
20	French Proces Zinc O.	346
55	Zenite Special	60
58	AA-2246 Antioxidant	135
76	Tetrone A	122
83	Armate (Powder)	21
85	2,5 Ditertiary Butyl	33
86	Super Fine Flour Sul.	119
89	Vandex	17
MAIN		
* 92	Type 2000 L (A-49)	714,587
* 93	Type 2000 (A-53)	177,303
* 100	Type 1009 (A-64)	616,140
KEEP		
755	Sowicide G.	50
PIG		
578	Continex S R F	126
588	Red-30	82
696	Darco A B	27,219
1362	Black C F	699
1376	Superba Black	12,600
1403	Nuchar C N	24,915
1441	Mogul A	7,380
1476	Titanox A 158-LO	127
SOIL		
113	Xylol	37,662
131	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	452,411
868	Experimental Wax Bld	179
886	Paraplex G-62	150
937	Caster Oil	9
SYN		
424	Hercolyn	10,634
463	VYHH Resin	4,525
900	Pcnc, A Sol IRS75xA	42,544
* 958	C-155	13,683,040
1000	VC-111	43,920
* 1005	E-1088S-1	12,937
1013	GB-6010 Resin	12,305,920

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CODE #	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
Chem 1	Vinyl Chloride
2	Trichlorethylene
5	Lauroyl Peroxide
7	Gelatin
8	Vinyl Acetate
25	Styrene
26	Butadiene
27	Potassium Persulfate
28	Dodecyl Mercaptan
29	Dresinate #208 70%
35	Dresinate #731 (70%)
37	Methocel 65 PG-50
39	Potassium Chloride
41	Divinyl Benzene
46	Dresinate #731 18% Sol.
47	Dresinate #208 18% Sol.
48	10% Emery 144 Sol.
154	Aqua Ammonia
159	Formaldehyde 40%
163	Oleic Acid
166	Potash Caustic Tech.
175	Triethanolamine
228	Tetra Ethanol Ammonia
233	2-Ethyl Hexanol **
1001	Toluene Sulphonic
1002	Perchloroethylene
1003	Phthalic Anhydride
1004	Iso-Octyl Alcohol
1008	Adipic Acid
1010	Butyl Alcohol
1014	Caprylic Acid
1015	Triethylene Glycol
1016	Dibutyl Tin Di Laurate
1022	Iso-Decyl Alcohol ***
1023	Bisphenol "A"
1032	Fumaric Acid
1033	Maleic Anhydride
1035	Pelargonic Acid
1040	Neofat 18-59

1055	Tri Decyl Alcohol
1056	1,3 Butylene Glycol
1060	Ethylene Glycol
1061	1,4 Butanediol
1066	Glycerol
1072	T-12
1082	Bicarbonate of Soda
1093	Methylene #2208
1094	Methylene #2855
1097	BC-100
1102	Iso-Phthalic Acid
1112	BC-200
1117	Trimellitic Anhydride
1118	Emery #144
1124	Ethyl Acetate
1125	Toluol
1126	Propylene Glycol
1127	Stannous Chloride
1129	PZ 3E66 Glycol Blend
1133	Synoron 512
1144	Tetraisononyl Titanate
1145	Alfol-610 Alcohol
1149	Di Methyl Formamide
1152	Isopropanol
1164	Di-Iso Butyl Carbinol
1181	Topanol C A
2042	1,6 Hexanediol
2043	Iso Butyl Alcohol
2044	Polystyrene M
* 2046	S-101-55 Polyester
* 2047	S-102-160 "
* 2048	S-103-90 "
* 2049	S-105-120 "
* 2050	S-106-35 "
2061	Neopentyl Glycol
2062	Diethylene Glycol
2065	Stabaxol I
* 2066	Polyester S-1019-75
2073	Poly G 1020-P
2074	Ethylene W
2083	Mondur TD 80
2114	Tetra Hydro-Furan
* 2115	CO-77 Urethane Sol.
2117	1,4 Cyclohexanedimeth.
2121	10% Formaldehyde
2122	Poly G 630
2123	Alfol #6
2126	C-10-12 Alcohol
2142	Cymel 301

286	495 Casein
COLL	
682	Gum Arabic
701	Methocel 100 Cps.
702	Acrysol G. S.
709	Methocel-8000
RODE	
611	Water Soluble Deod.
VULC	
10	Ecozone D
20	French Proces Zinc O.
55	Zenite Special
56	AA-2246 Antioxidant
76	Tetrone A
83	Aranate (Powder)
85	2,5 Ditertiary Butyl.
88	Super Fine Flour Sul.
89	Vondex
KEEP	
755	Dowicide G.
PIC	
578	Continex S R F
598	Red-30
696	Darco K B
1453	Nuchar C N
1476	Titanox A 168-L0
SOIL	
113	Xylol
131	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
868	Experimental Wax Bld.
886	Paranlex G-62
929	E P O
937	Caster Oil
SYN	
424	Hercolyn D
463	VYHH Resin
900	Pentolyn A
* 1065	E-10698-1

* 2159	S-502 Polyester
2160	Thermolite T-9
2183	101 Stearate
* 2186	S-105-35 Polyester
2192	C S Grade Talc
2196	Chemtron Wax 100
2198	Di Ethylamine
* 2200	S-1011-35 Polyester
* 2201	F-101-60
2206	L-45 Silicone
2208	1,6 Hexamethylene
2209	Methyl Cellosolve
2211	Myristyl Helene W
2214	Carston 8
2215	Carston 18
* 2218	Iso-Phorone Di-iso.
* 2226	S-105-40 Polyester
* 2227	S-1015-120-220 "
* 2231	20% M T S A
* 2242	S-105-75-150 Polyester
* 2243	S-1021-70-150 "
* 2244	S-1019-75-200 "
* 2247	S-101-55-150 "
* 2248	S-102-40-150 "
* 2250	S-102-70-180 "
2257	N-Propanol
* 2275	S-105-40-57 Polyester
2296	Chemtron Wax 100
2298	Moca
2299	30% AMP-MSA Crt.
* 2319	S-1022-20 Polyester
2320	Isophone Diamine
* 2346	S-1019-25 Polyester
2348	45% EAB 381.5 Lacc.
* 2349	S-103-25 Polyester
MAIN 0 Water	
1	Revertex 73%
2	60% Natural Latex
20	Neoprene Latex
* 101	Type 2000-53 (A-74)
* 102	Type 1009 (A-77)
* 104	Type 2000 (A-79)
EX 372 Hv Flo Super Cel	
DMS 254 Darven #1	
256	Emulphor-on-870
259	Nekal BA 75
271	Acuarex MDL Paste

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>MATERIAL DESCRIPTION</u>
Chem 1	Vinyl Chloride
2	Trichlorethylene
5	Lauroyl Peroxide
7	Gelatin
8	Vinyl Acetate
37	Methocel 65 PG-50
175	Triethanolamine
233	2-Ethyl Hexanol
1001	Toluene Sulphonic Acid
1002	Perchloroethylene
1003	Phthalic Anhydride
1004	Iso-Octyl Alcohol
1005	Adipic Acid
1015	Triethylene Glycol
1015	Dibutyl Tin Di Laurate
1022	Iso-Decyl Alcohol
1023	Bisphenol "A"
1033	Maleic Anhydride
1035	Peracetic Acid
1035	Tri Decyl Alcohol
1036	1,3 Butylene Glycol
1050	Ethylene Glycol
1061	1,4 Butanediol
1036	Glycerol
1082	Bicarbonate of Soda
1093	Methylene #2208
1094	Methylene #2209
1097	BC-100
1102	Iso-Phthalic Acid
1117	Trimellitic Anhydride
1118	Emery #144
1125	Toluol
1125	Propylene Glycol
1127	Stannous Chloride
1129	PN 3050 Glycol Blend
1144	Tetraisopropyl Titanate
1145	Alcel-610 Alcohol
1149	Di Methyl Formamide
1152	Isopropanol
1164	Di-Iso Butyl Carbinol
1181	Topanol C A

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2041	Neochlor Wax 0P
2042	1,6 Hexanediol
2043	Iso Butyl Alcohol
2044	Polystyrene M
2045 *	S-101-35 Polyester
2047 *	S-102-160 "
2048 *	S-103-30 "
2049 *	S-105-120 "
2050 *	S-106-35
2056	Altol 810
2061	Neopentyl Glycol
2062	Diethylene Glycol
2065	Stabaxol I
2073	Polv G 1020-P
2074	Hylene W
2083	Mondur TD 80
2114	Tetra Hydro-Furan
2117	1,4 Cyclohexanedimethanol
2122	Polv G 630
2141	T-1S
2142	Camel 301
2159 *	S-502 Polyester
2180	Thermalite T-9
2185 *	R-109-300
2186 *	S-103-35 Polyester
2192	C S Grade Talc
2183	101 Stearate
2196	Chemetron Wax 100
2198	Di Ethylamine
2200 *	S-1011-35 Polyester
2201 *	F-101-60
2205	L-45 Silicone
2208	1,6 Hexamethylene
2209	Methyl Cellosolve
2211	Methyl Cellosolve W
2214	Carston 8
2218	Iso-Phorone Di-Iso.
2226 *	S-105-30 Polyester
2227 *	S-1015-120-220 Polyester
2242 *	S-105-75-150 Polyester
2243 *	S-1021-70-150
2244 *	S-1019-75-200 Polyester
2249 *	S-105-55-78
2250 *	S-102-70-180
2256	Cyclohexane Dio Methylamine
2257	N-Propenol
2273 *	S-1019-75-150
2275 *	S-105-40-57
2296 *	S-102-55-305
2299 *	30% AMP-MSA Cat.

2319 *	S-1022-20 Polyester
2320	Isophone Diamine
2322 *	S-102-67-185
2334 *	S-105-75
2343	Irganox 1075
2346 *	S-1019-25-35
2348 *	454 FAB Sol.
2349 *	S-103-25
2350 *	S-1017-25
2352 *	S-1023-40-105
2359	Cymel 370
2360 *	S-105-40-118
2362 *	B-270-L Prepol
2365	Dabco (Solid)
2366	Silicone L-540
2367 *	S-1011-55
2378	Succinic Anhydride
2382	Markure UL-6
2391	Monomer E-320
2393 *	S-1019-120-280
2395 *	S-105-75-167
2396	N-Methyl Ethanolamine
2403	Isenare 125-M
2404	Freon TF
2405 *	CO B 3436 L H Prepol
2415 *	Rucoflex BE-1
2416 *	Rucoflex F-1201
MAIN	0 Water
EX	372 Celite (Hyflow Super-cel)
COLL	70E Ludox "AS"
PIC	695 Darco K B
	1403 Buchar C N
	1576 Pigment A
SOIL	113 Xv101
	131 Methyl Ethyl Ketone
	826 Paronlex G-62
SYN	463 VINH Resin

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>MATERIAL DESCRIPTION</u>
Chem 1	Vinyl Chloride
2	Trichlorethylene
5	Lauroyl Peroxide
7	Gelatin
8	Vinyl Acetate
37	Methocel F-50
175	Triethanolamine
233	2-Ethyl Hexanol
1001	Toluene Sulphonic Acid
1002	Perchloroethylene
1003	Phthalic Anhydride
1004	Iso-Octyl Alcohol
1005	Adipic Acid
1125	Pronylene Glycol
1016	Dibutyl Tin Di Laurate
1022	Iso-Decyl Alcohol
1023	Bisphenol A
1033	Maleic Anhydride
1055	Tri-Decyl Alcohol
1056	1,3 Butylene Glycol
1060	Ethylene Glycol
1061	1,4 Butanediol
1066	Glycerol
1082	Bicarbonate of Soda
1097	BC-100
1102	Iso-Phthalic Acid
1117	Trimellitic Anhydride
1124	Ethyl Acetate
1125	Toluol
1127	Stannous Chloride
1129	PM 3866 Glycol Blend
1144	Tetra Isopropyl Titanate
1145	Alfol 6610
1149	Di Methyl Formamide
1152	Isopropanol
1164	Di-Iso Butyl Carbinal
1181	Terganol CA
2021	Hoechst Wax OP
2042	1,6 Hexandediol
2043	Iso Butyl Alcohol

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2044	Multrathane M
2046 *	S-101-55 Polyester
2047 *	S-102-160 "
2048 *	S-103-90 "
2049 *	S-105-120 "
2050 *	S-106-35 "
2056	Alfol 810
2061	Neopentyl Glycol
2062	Diethylene Glycol
2065	Stabaxol I
2074	Hylene W
2083	Mondur TH 80
2114	Tetra Hydro-Furan
2117	1,4 Cyclohexanedimethanol
2122	Poly G-A30
2142	Cymel 301
2185 *	R-109-300
2363 *	F-102-50 Polyester
2196	Chemtron Wax 100
2198	Di Ethylamine
2200 *	S-1011-35 Polyester
2206	L-45 Silicone
2208	1,6 Hexamethylene
2209	Methyl Cellosolve
2211	Myrstyl Helene W
2214	Carsten 8
2216	Iso-Phorone Di-Isocyanate
2226 *	S-105-40 Polyester
2227 *	S-1015-120-220 Polyester
2242 *	S-105-75-150 Polyester
2243 *	S-1021-70-150 "
2248 *	S-102-40-150 (305-183)
2250 *	S-102-70-180 Polyester
2257	N-Propanol
2273 *	S-1019-75-150 Polyester
2296 *	S-102-55-305 "
2299 *	30% AMP-MSA Cat.
2300	EAB-331-5
2320	Isophone Diamine
2322 *	S-102-87-185 Polyester
2330	EC 2600 Methane Sul. Acid
2331	AMP (Regular)
2332	Di Bromo Butenediol
2334 *	S-105-75 Polyester
2343	Irganox 1070
2346 *	S-1019-25-35 Polyester
2348 *	45% EAB Sol.
2352 *	S-1023-40-106 Polyester
2359	Cymel 370
2360 *	S-105-40-118 Polyester

2368 *	S-1019-120 Polyester
2374	Acryloid AT-56
2375	Raybo 3
2393 *	S-1019-120-280 Polyester
2395 *	S-105-75-167 "
2417 *	S-1022-35 "
2418	Sodium Benzoate
2437 *	S-1019-100 Polyester
2438	Silicone PFA-1203
2159 *	F-109-60 Polyester
EX 372	Celite (Hyflow Super-cel)
COLL 708	Ludox "AS"
PIG 1577	Polycarbon C
1589	Nuchar C-115 N
1590	Norit SG Extra
SOIL 113	Xylol
124	Acetone
131	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
886	Paraplex G-62
SYN 463	VYHH Resin

	2458	Irganox #1035
	2460	Ionol
	2462 *	F-1403 Polyester
	2467 *	F-1016
	2468 *	S-1025-115 Polyester
	2469	Stannous Oxalate
	2470	Ecussor OK 412
	2472	R-3936-1. Preno1
	2473	Tween 20
	2474	Tritonx 405
	2475	Emulsifier Solution
	2476	Sodium Hydroxide
	2477	Acrysol ASE-75
	2478	14% H M D A
	2479	Thickener Solu on
	2481	20% Sodium Hydroxide
	2482 *	S-1019-55 Polyester
EX	372	Celite (Hvflow Super-cel)
PIG	1577	Polyacarbon C
	1593	Nuchar C-EL-N
	1594	Activated Carbon C
SOIL	113	Xv101
	131	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
	886	Paraplex G-62
SYN	463	VYHH Resin
MAIN	0	Water

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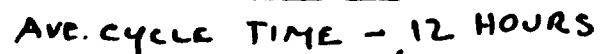
CODE		MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
Chem	233	2-Ethyl Hexanol
	1001	Toluene Sulfonic Acid
	1002	Perchloroethylene
	1003	Phthalic Anhydride
	1004	Iso-Cetyl Alcohol
	1008	Adipic Acid
	1014	Caprylic Acid
	1015	Triethylene Glycol
	1016	Dibutyl Tin Di Laurate
	1022	Iso-Decyl Alcohol
	1023	Bisphenol A
	1033	Maleic Anhydride
	1035	Ertac #1202
	1055	Tri-Decyl Alcohol
	1056	1,3 Butylene Glycol
	1060	Ethylene Glycol
	1061	1,4 Butanediol
	1066	Glycerol
	1082	Bicarbonate of Soda
	1094	Methylene 2209
	1097	BC-100
	1102	Iso-Phthalic Acid
	1117	Trimellitic Anhydride
	1124	Ethyl Acetate
	1125	Toluol
	1126	Pronylene Glycol
	1127	Stannous Chloride
	1129	Glycol Blend Pm 3866
	1144	Tetra Isopropyl Titanate
	1145	Alfol #610
	1146	Di Methyl Formamide
	1152	Isopropanol
	2042	1,6 Hexanediol
	2043	Iso Butyl Alcohol
	2044	Meltrathane M
	2046 *	S-101-55 Polyester
	2047 *	S-102-160 Polyester
	2049 *	S-105-120
	2021	Hoechst Wax

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2050 *	S-106-35
2061	Neopentyl Glycol
2062	Diethylene Glycol
2065	Stibazol I
2073	Polv G-1020 P
2074	Nylene W
2080	Di-Propylene Glycol
2083	Mondur TD 80
2114	Tetra Hydro-Furan
2117	1,4 Cyclohexanedimethanol
2122	Polv G-630
2128	1,1,1 Trichlorethane
2142	Cymel 301
2159 *	F-109-60 Polyester
2195	Chemtron Wax 100
2198	Di Ethylamine
2206	L-45 Silicone
2208	1,6 Hexamethylcane
2209	Methyl Cellosolve
2211	Myrstyl Helene W
2214	Carstan 8
2218	Iso-Phorone Di-Isocyanate
2226 *	S-105-40 Polyester
2227 *	S-1015-120-220 Polyester
2242 *	S-105-75-150 Polyester
2243 *	S-1021-70-150 Polyester
2250 *	S-102-70-180 Polyester
2257	N-Propanol
2276 *	S-1015-80 Polyester
2281 *	S-1021-75 Polyester
2296 *	S-102-55-305
2299 *	30% AMP-MSA Cat.
2320	Isonphone Diamine
2322 *	S-102-87-185 Polyester
2330	EC 2690 Methane Sul. Acid
2331	AMP (Regular)
2334 *	S-105-75 Polyester
2343	Irganox 1076
2349 *	S-103-25 Polyester
2359	Cymel 370
2360 *	S-105-40-118 Polyester
2367 *	S-S-1011-55 Polyester
2393 *	S-1019-120-280
2395 *	S-105-75-167 Polyester
2417 *	S-1022-35 Polyester
2431 *	S-102-55 Polyester
2445 *	S-102-110 Polyester
2450	CAB 381-2
2456	Polvmer #1000
2457	Ticuvin #328

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PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDE OR
TRI-MELLITIC ANHYDRIDE
OR MALEIC ANHYDRIDE
(6612 OR 66-12036 6661)



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AVE. CYCLE TIME - 12 HOURS

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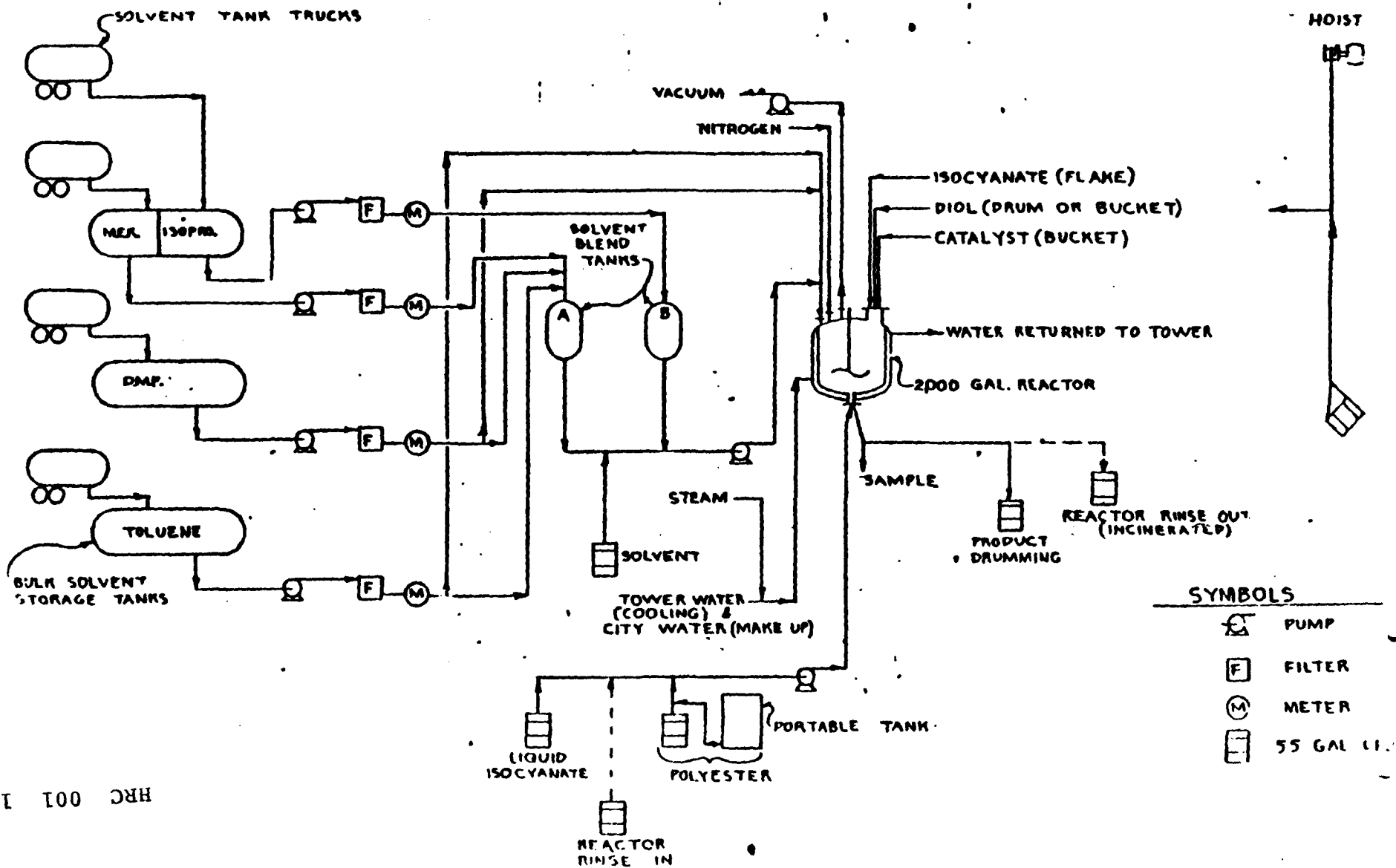
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BY AIM DATE 11/19/76 SUBJECT FLOW SHEETS SHEET NO. 1 OF 2
 CHKD. BY DATE FOR: POLYURETHANE JOB NO. 27-657
 SCALE: NONE

OPERATIONAL MODE - BATCH
 AVE. CYCLE TIME - 12 HOURS

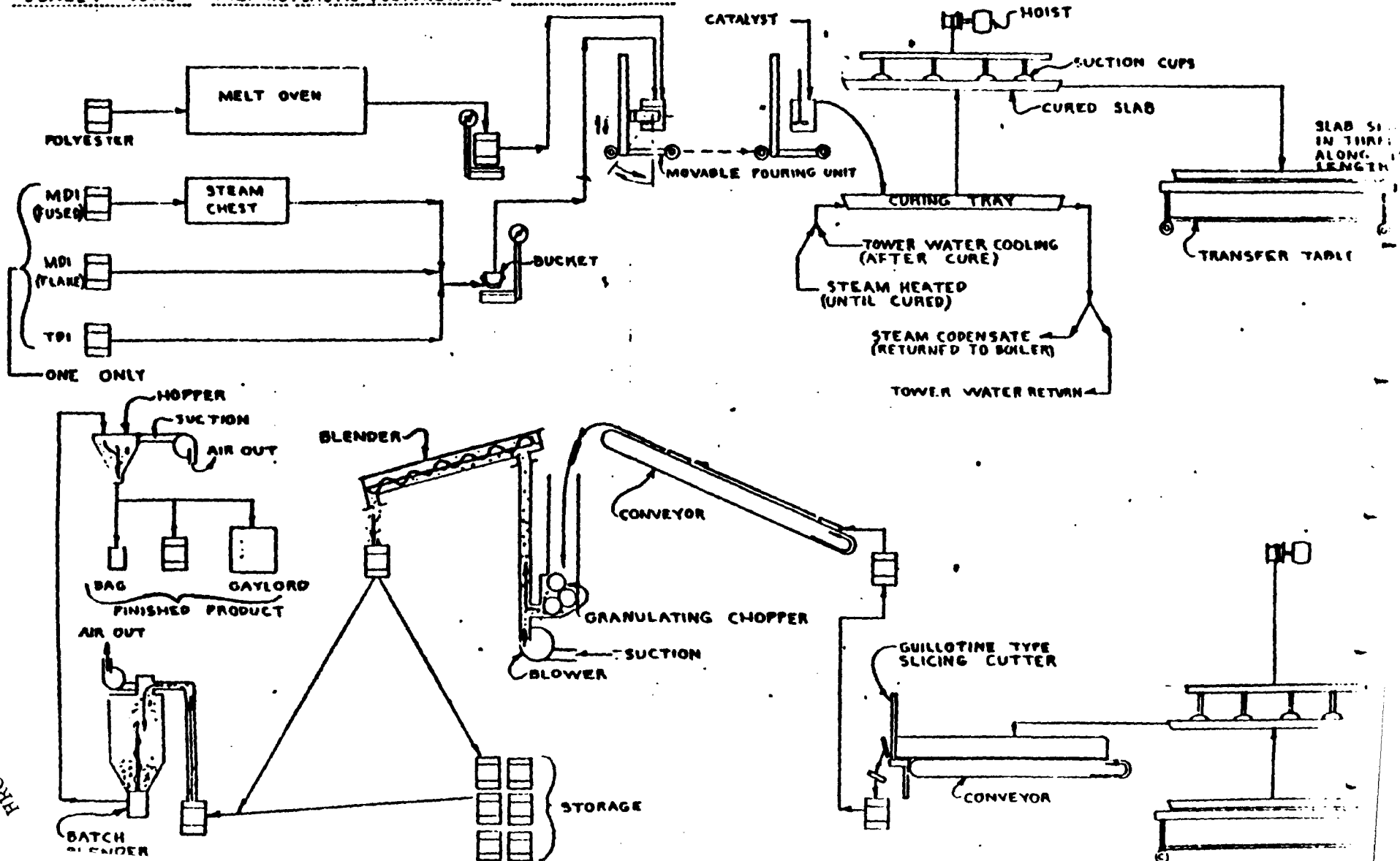


SYMBOLS

	PUMP
	FILTER
	METER
	55 GAL. DRUM

BY RJM DATE 11/17/76 SUBJECT FLOW SHEET SHEET NO. 3 OF 3
 CHECKED BY DATE FOR: 97-857 JOB NO. 97-857
 SCALE: NONE THERMOPLASTIC POLYURETHANE

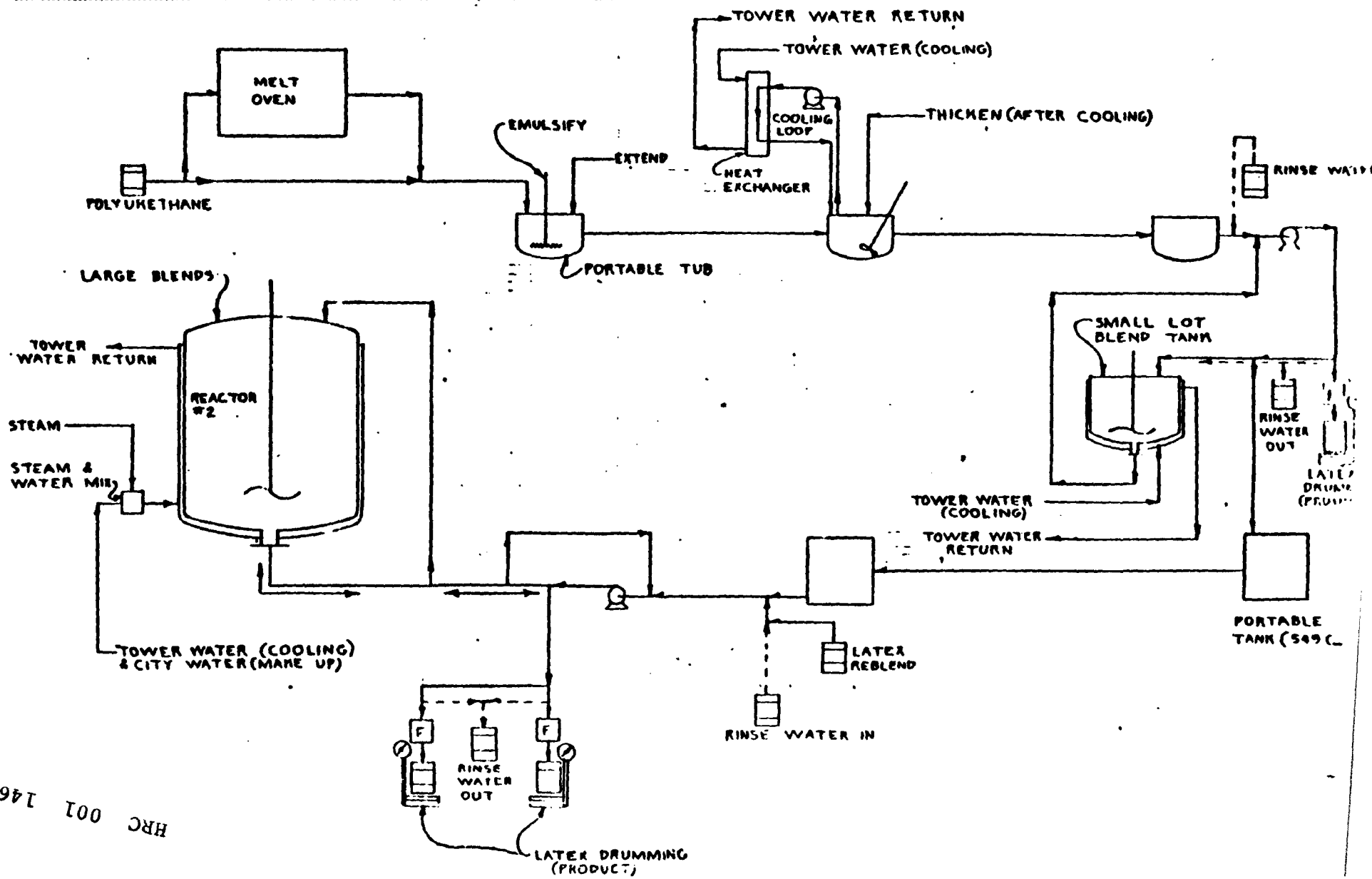
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 AVE. CYCLE TIME - 6 HOURS



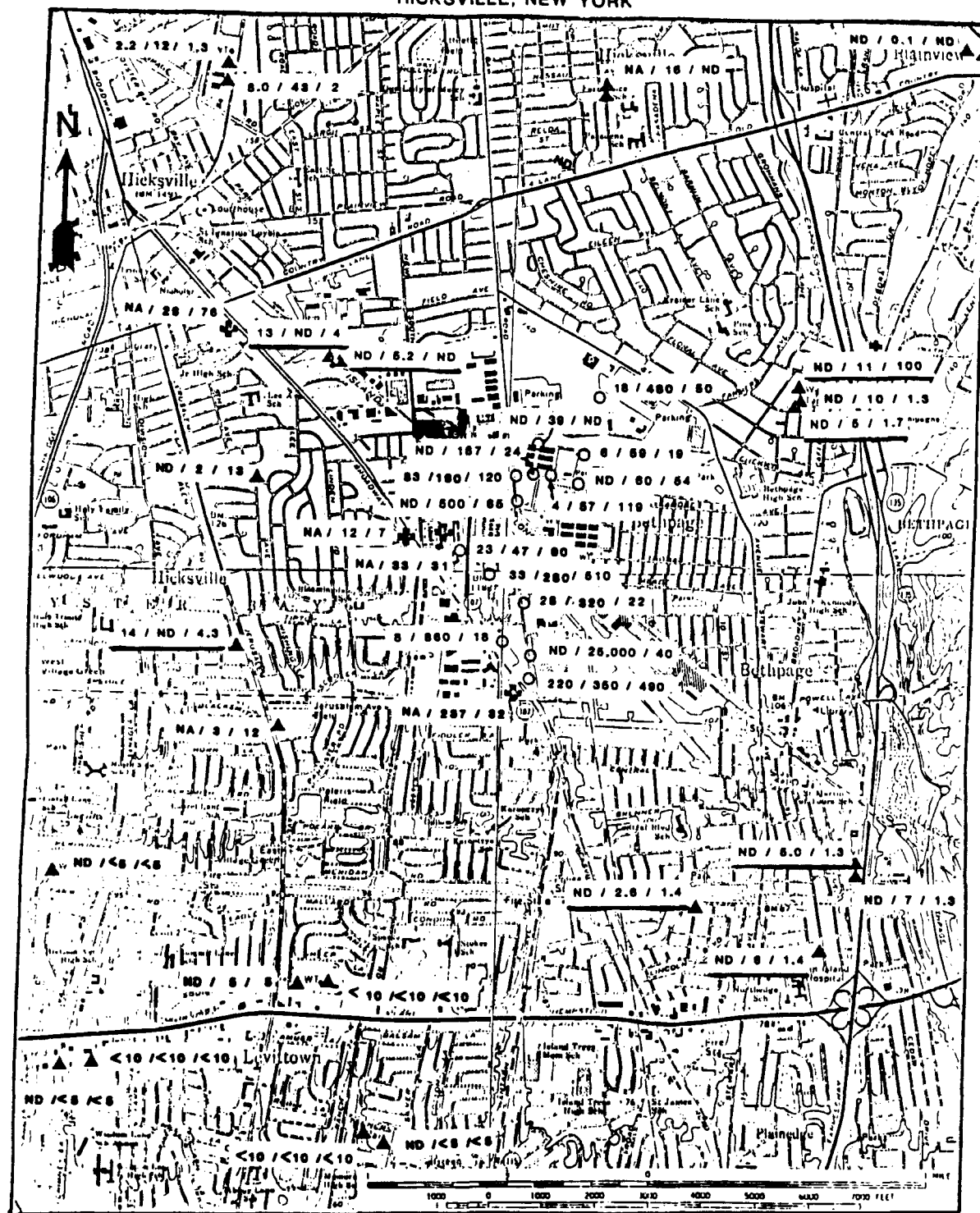
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BY R.J.M. DATE 2/13/76 SUBJECT FLOW SHEET SHEET NO. 2 OF 3
 CHRD BY DATE FOR LATEX JOB NO. 97-697
 SCALE: NONE

OPERATIONAL MODE - BATCH
 AVE. CYCLE TIME - 10 HOURS



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LEGGETTE, BRASHEARS & GRAHAM, INC.

**MAXIMUM CONCENTRATIONS OF 1,2 DICHLOROETHYLENE,
1,1,2 TRICHLOROETHYLENE, AND TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (ug/l)
FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1975 TO AUGUST 1983**

- UNDERLINED VALUES WERE FROM SAMPLES TAKEN ON 12/20/76, ANALYZED BY ERCO.

THESE WELLS HAVE NOT EXHIBITED ANY CHLOROETHYLENES SINCE THAT TIME.

- WELLS WITHOUT VALUES HAVE NEVER EXHIBITED CHLOROETHYLENES.

- NA - NOT ANALYZED
- ND - NOT DETECTED.

- O - INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY WELLS

▲ PUBLIC SUPPLY WELL

⊕ MCDPW OBSERVATION WELL

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WHITEMAN, OSTERMAN & HANNA

HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK



LEGGETTE, BRASHEARS & GRAHAM, INC.

OCCURRENCE OF VINYL CHLORIDE IN INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY WELLS
FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1975 TO APRIL 1977
MAXIMUM/MINIMUM (ug/l)

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INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL SURVEY

PART I.

Please refer to
attached table I

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, ATTENTION: INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL SURVEY.

COMPANY NAME GRUMMAN AEROSPACE CORPORATION		SIC CODE (if known) 3721	OFFICE USE ONLY
COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS MAIL STOP: B08/30		CITY BETHPAGE	STATE NEW YORK
CONTACT NAME JOHN OHLMANN		TELEPHONE Area (516) 575-2385	ZIP CODE 11714
PLANT ADDRESS (if different) Street		CITY	STATE
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OF PLANT AIRCRAFT			

NOTE: (If parent company, give name and addresses of all divisions, subsidiaries, etc. located in New York State. A separate questionnaire is to be completed and submitted for each.)

NOT APPLICABLE

PART II
Discharge Information

WATER	1. Does your plant discharge liquid wastes to a municipally owned sanitary sewer system? Name of System <u>NASSAU COUNTY SANITARY SEWER</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																
	2. Is your facility permitted to discharge liquid wastes under a State (SPDES) or Federal (NPDES) permit? Permit Number <u>0096792</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																
	3. Do you discharge liquid wastes in any other manner? Explain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																
	If any of the above are "Yes": a. Do you discharge process or chemical wastes - (i.e. water used in manufacturing including direct contact cooling water and scrubber water)? b. Do you discharge non-contact cooling water? c. Do you discharge collected storm drainage only? d. Do you discharge sanitary wastes only?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																
AIR	1. Does your facility have sources of possible emissions to the atmosphere?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																
	2. Enter Location and Facility Code as shown on your Air Pollution Control Application for Permits and Certification (if applicable) <u>2824001160</u>																	
LIQUID WASTES	1. List Name and Address of Firm (Including yourself) removing wastes other than office and cafeteria refuse. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Name</td> <td colspan="3">MODERN TRANSPORTATION, INC.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address</td> <td>75 JACOBUS AVE.</td> <td>City S. KEARNY</td> <td>State N.J. Zip Code 07032</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Name</td> <td colspan="3">SHERIDAN INDUSTRIAL OIL CORP.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Address</td> <td>114 PECONIC AVE.</td> <td>City MEDFORD</td> <td>State N.Y. Zip Code 11763</td> </tr> </table>	Name	MODERN TRANSPORTATION, INC.			Address	75 JACOBUS AVE.	City S. KEARNY	State N.J. Zip Code 07032	Name	SHERIDAN INDUSTRIAL OIL CORP.			Address	114 PECONIC AVE.	City MEDFORD	State N.Y. Zip Code 11763	(SEE ATTACHMENT "A" FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES) Active <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Name	MODERN TRANSPORTATION, INC.																
Address	75 JACOBUS AVE.	City S. KEARNY	State N.J. Zip Code 07032															
Name	SHERIDAN INDUSTRIAL OIL CORP.																	
Address	114 PECONIC AVE.	City MEDFORD	State N.Y. Zip Code 11763															
2. List Location(s) of Landfill(s) owned and used by your facility. 1 <u>NONE</u> 2																		
PESTICIDES	1. Does this facility: Manufacture Pesticides or Pesticide Product Ingredients? Produce Pesticides or Pesticide Product Ingredients? Formulate Pesticides? Repackage Pesticides?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																
	2. EPA Establishment Number <u> </u>																	

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PART III

SUBSTANCES OF CONCERN
(Refer to attached TABLE I)

Complete all information for those substances your facility has used, produced, stored, distributed or otherwise disposed of since January 1, 1971. Do not include chemicals used only in analytical laboratory work. Enter the name and code from Table I. If facility uses a substance in any of the Classes A - F which is not specified in the list, enter it as code class plus 99, e.g. B99 with name, usage, etc.

NAME OF SUBSTANCE	CODE	AVERAGE ANNUAL USAGE	AMOUNT NOW ON HAND	(✓)		PURPOSE OF USE (State whether produced, reacted, blended, packaged, distributed, no longer used, etc.)
				GAL.	LB.	
CLASS A- HALOGENATED HYDROCARBONS						
METHYLENE CHLORIDE	A02	41,596			X	SOLVENT
FREONS	A05	127,913			X	REFRIGERANT & SOLVENT
TRICHLOROETHYLENE	A12	1,377,457			X	DEGREASING SOLVENT
TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	A13	281,288			X	SOLVENT
CHLORINATED PROPANE	A14	37			X	
					X	
PCB'S	A21	54,220	42,807		X	TRANSFORMER FLUID
ETHYLENE DICHLORIDE	A99	185				
CLASS B- HALOGENATED ORGANICS						
CHLOROARYL ETHERS	B10	126			X	
FC-77 (FLUORINERT LIQUID) & DOW CORNING #340 LIQUID	B99	24,918			X	COOLANT
CLASS C- PESTICIDES						
MALATHION	C07	45			X	PESTICIDE
KELTHANE	C12	45			X	PESTICIDE
CARBARYL	C15	45			X	PESTICIDE
BETASAN 4E	C99	4			X	PESTICIDE
DURSBAN 2EC	C99	20			X	PESTICIDE
PROMETON	C99	605			X	PESTICIDE
DYRENE	C99	25			X	PESTICIDE
CYCON	C99	3			X	PESTICIDE
DICAMBA, MCPP, 2, 4-D	C99	330			X	PESTICIDE
SEE ATTACHMENT "B" FOR ADDITIONAL "SUBSTANCES OF CONCERN")						

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You use chemicals of unknown composition, list trade name or other identification, name of supplier and complete information.

NAME OF SUBSTANCE	AVERAGE ANNUAL USAGE	AMOUNT NOW ON HAND	(✓)		SUPPLIER	PURPOSE OF USE (State whether produced, reacted, blended, packaged, distributed, no longer used, etc.)
			GAL.	LB.		

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

SIGNATURE (Owner, Partner, or Officer)

DATE

NAME (Printed or Typed)

ROBERT J. MYERS

TITLE

VICE PRESIDENT, ADMINISTRATION & RESOURCES

SOLID & CONCENTRATED LIQUID WASTES

1. (continued)

CHEMICAL POLLUTION CONTROL, INC.
FOURTH AVENUE
BAYSHORE, N. Y. 11706

TRANSFORMER SERVICES, INC.
P. O. BOX 1077
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03307

RGM LIQUID WASTE REMOVAL CO.
972 NICOLLS ROAD
DEER PARK, N. Y. 11729

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PART III - SUBSTANCES OF CONCERN (continued)

NAME OF SUBSTANCE	CODE	AVERAGE ANNUAL USAGE	AMOUNT NOW ON HAND	(X) GAL. LB.	PURPOSE OF USE
<u>CLASS D - AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS</u>					
BENZENE	DO1	5.4		X	
TOLUENE	DO2	131,087		X	SOLVENT
XYLENE	DO3	18,710		X	SOLVENT
STYRENE	DO7	2,275		X	PLASTIC CONSTITUENT
FLUORANTHENE	DO9	149		X	ACCELERATOR FOR SEALANT

CLASS E - TARS

NONE

CLASS F - SUBSTITUTED AROMATICS

PHENOL, CRESOL, XYLENOL	FO1	5,941		X	PAINT STRIPPING
HYDROQUINONE	FO2	276		X	PHOTO DEVELOPING
NITROTOLUENE	FO5	337		X	ADHESIVE COMPONENT
TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE	F10	97		X	PLASTIC
PHTHALIC & MALEIC ANHYDRIDE	F14	2,275		X	PLASTICS
DYES & ORGANIC PIGMENTS	F24	10,856		X	PLASTICS

CLASS G - MISCELLANEOUS

ASBESTOS	G01	469		X	CONSTITUANT
ISOPHORONE	G04	9		X	IN SEALANTS
EPOXY CATALYST & RESINS	G10	50,164		X	& ADHESIVES

CLASS M - METALS

ANTIMONY	MO1	3.6		X	
LEAD	MO7	1,713		X	DYE MAKING
ZINC	M13	83		X	
CHROMIUM	MO5	2,143		X	METAL FINISHING
SILVER	M11	260		X	PHOTOGRAPHIC USE
ALUMINUM	M99	2,500,000 (APPROX.)		X	AIRCRAFT
TITANIUM	M99	514,000 (APPROX.)		X	PRODUCTION
STEEL	M99	3,000 (APPROX.)		X	

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PART III - SUBSTANCES OF CONCERN (continued)

NAME OF SUBSTANCE	CODE	AVERAGE ANNUAL USAGE	AMOUNT NOW ON HAND	(X) GAL. LB.	PURPOSE OF USE
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WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS:BOILER WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS

SODIUM HEXAMETAPHOSPHATE		248		X	WATER TREATMENT
SODIUM SULFITE		225		X	WATER TREATMENT
SODIUM HYDROXIDE		475		X	WATER TREATMENT
FILMING AMINE CONDENSATE LINE					
CORROSION INHIBITOR		960		X	STEAM CONDENSATE
(960 LBS. X 14% = 134.4 LBS. OCTADECYLAMINE)					TREATMENT

COOLING TOWER WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS:ALL PRODUCTS OF THE DEARBORN CHEMICAL CO.

DEARBORN 900		8,900		X	WATER TREATMENT
DEARBORN 874		272		X	WATER TREATMENT
DEARBORN 717		1,285		X	WATER TREATMENT
DEARBORN 706		443		X	WATER TREATMENT

DEARBORN HAS GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING COMPOSITIONS ON A "CONFIDENTIAL BASIS"

DEARBORN 900	-	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	-	12%
DEARBORN 874	-	POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE	-	5%
	-	FORMALDEHYDE	-	0.1%
DEARBORN 706	-	ALKYL TRIMETHYLENE DIAMINE	-	15%
DEARBORN 717	-	QUARternary AMINE	-	12.5%
	-	BIS (TRI-N-BUTYLTIN) OXIDE	-	2.25%

A more complete analysis could be obtained from:

Dearborn Chemical
Chemed Division
300 Genesee Street
Lake Zurich, Illinois 60047



NEW SOUTH ROAD, HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK 11802
PHONE (516) 931-8100 TWX 510 221-1871

May 6, 1975

Mr. John F. Welsch
Supervisor of Industrial Waste
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Nassau County Department of Health
240 Old Country Road
Mineola, N.Y. 11501

Dear John:

Attached are 3 (three) completed copies of the new application form "D" for SPDES permit.

Please refer to our correspondence of April 22, 1975 on the old SPDES form. Outfall numbers 001 and 002 no longer exist. (Hence 003-005 are renumbered 001-003). In the interim the decision was made to close this plant for PVC production. There are no plans to produce another product instead. However, if in the future an alternative product with a water discharge is made we will contact your office.

We feel the Hicksville Site is now in compliance with the water discharge regulations. Per our discussion today (May 6, 1975) discharges 001 to 003 do not require additional treatment. The incinerator for the esterification discharge has been running for several weeks, but with some problems. We expect them to be solved with-in 2 - 4 weeks and this discharge eliminated.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Malcolm K. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a small flourish at the end.

Malcolm K. Brown
Professional Engineer

APPLICATION FORM "D" FOR A STATE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (SPDES) PERMIT (Becomes A SPDES Permit When Signed By Permit Issuing Official)

APPLICATION TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New		IF RENEWAL, GIVE PREVIOUS NO. NY-	
NAME (Corporate, Partnership or Individual) <u>Hooker Chemical Corp./Ruco Division</u>			
FIRM'S MAILING ADDRESS (State, City, State, Zip Code) <u>New South Road, Hicksville, New York 11802</u>			
IF ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: (Name, Title and Address) <u>Malcolm Brown</u>			TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code) <u>516 931-8100</u>
FACILITY NAME <u>Hooker Chemical Corp./Ruco Division</u>		FACILITY LOCATION (Street or Road) <u>New South Road</u>	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE <u>Hicksville</u>
GIVE EXPLICIT DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION, IF NECESSARY <u>Massau</u>			
NATURE OF BUSINESS OR TYPE OF FACILITY <u>Manufacturing</u>			POPULATION SERVED (See Instructions) _____
FREQUENCY OF DISCHARGE (1 Year) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No", Specify No. of Months _____			
All Week? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No", Specify No. of Days _____			
DOES YOUR DISCHARGE CONTAIN OR IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR DISCHARGE TO CONTAIN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES ADDED AS A RESULT OF YOUR OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES OR PROCESSES? Please Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Ammonia <input type="checkbox"/> Beryllium <input type="checkbox"/> Cadmium <input type="checkbox"/> Chlorine <input type="checkbox"/> Chromium <input type="checkbox"/> Copper <input type="checkbox"/> Cyanide <input type="checkbox"/> Grease <input type="checkbox"/> Lead <input type="checkbox"/> Mercury <input type="checkbox"/> Nickel <input type="checkbox"/> Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Phenols <input type="checkbox"/> Selenium <input type="checkbox"/> Zinc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of These			
DISCHARGE DATA (Use additional forms, if necessary) (See Instructions)			
FALL NO. <u>001</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion	TYPE OF WASTE <u>water direct contact condenser</u>	TYPE OF TREATMENT <u>none</u>
SURFACE DISCHARGE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		DESIGN FLOW <u>10,000 Gal/Day</u>	
If "Yes", Name of Receiving Waters <u>S. Oyster Bay</u>		Classification Waters Index No. _____	
If "Yes", Name of nearest Surface Water <u>S. Oyster Bay</u>		Distance <u>5 miles</u>	SOIL TYPE <u>sandy</u>
Depth to Water Table <u>60 ft.</u>		TYPE OF TREATMENT <u>none</u>	
FALL NO. <u>002</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion	TYPE OF WASTE <u>Boiler/cooling water</u>	TYPE OF TREATMENT <u>none</u>
SURFACE DISCHARGE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		DESIGN FLOW <u>15,000 Gal/Day</u>	
If "Yes", Name of Receiving Waters <u>S. Oyster Bay</u>		Classification Waters Index No. _____	
If "Yes", Name of nearest Surface Water <u>S. Oyster Bay</u>		Distance <u>5 miles</u>	SOIL TYPE <u>sandy</u>
Depth to Water Table <u>60 ft.</u>		TYPE OF TREATMENT <u>septic tank</u>	
FALL NO. <u>003</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion	TYPE OF WASTE <u>sanitary</u>	TYPE OF TREATMENT <u>septic tank</u>
SURFACE DISCHARGE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		DESIGN FLOW <u>4,000 Gal/Day</u>	
If "Yes", Name of Receiving Waters <u>S. Oyster Bay</u>		Classification Waters Index No. _____	
If "Yes", Name of nearest Surface Water <u>S. Oyster Bay</u>		Distance <u>5 miles</u>	SOIL TYPE <u>sandy</u>
Depth to Water Table <u>60 ft.</u>		TYPE OF TREATMENT <u>septic tank</u>	

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form and any attached supplemental forms is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Also statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (See Instructions) <u>J. Bradley Harrison</u>	Date <u>5/8/75</u>	Printed Name <u>J. Bradley Harrison</u>	Title <u>Works Manager</u>
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PERMIT VALIDATION SECTION (Department of Environmental Conservation Use Only)

This SPDES permit is issued in compliance with Title 8 of Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, P.L. 92-500, October 18, 1972 (33 U.S.C. §1251 et. seq.) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and subject to the attached conditions.

APPLICATION NO. NY-	
EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
ATTACHMENTS:	

Signature of Permit Issuing Official										Date									
ARD Type	Type	SIC Code	# Out	Dis	Class	ARD	Region	County	Major	Sub	Comp	ARD	Latitude	Longitude	CARD				
1	166	168	76	71	4	3	71	72	74	76	78	6	53	54	7				

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MEMORANDUM

NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

240 Old Country Road

Mincola, New York 11501

To : S.O. Smith

Date: July 29, 1977

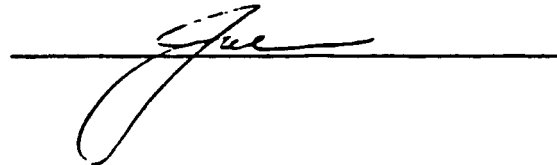
From : J. P. Hurley

Subject : Hooker Chemical

In response to your memo of July 15, 1977 regarding information requested by Mr. Murray Schiffman on Hooker Chemical Corp., I submit the following:

Hooker Chemical ceased their operation with vinyl chloride in April 1975. At that time they converted their industrial wastewater discharge to an incineration process whereby 4000 gpd of wastewater were incinerated. At the present time, their groundwater discharge includes sanitary waste (4000 gpd), cooling tower blowdown (10,000 gpd) and boiler blowdown (10,000 gpd). Receipt of the SPDES permit application for these three discharges is pending. Prior to 1975, a permit for their wastewater discharge was not required since vinyl chloride was not considered a toxic or hazardous waste.

JPH:ceg
cc: John Welsch



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RUBBER CORPORATION OF AMERICA

SALES OFFICES / MANUFACTURING PLANTS / RESEARCH LABORATORIES
NEW SOUTH ROAD / HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK 11802 / PHONE (516) 931-8100

July 21, 1964
GSE-95-4-JMC-JMC

Nassau County Department of Health
Water Pollution Control Section
Nassau County Office Building
Old Country Road and County Seat Drive
Mineola, New York

Attention: Mr. Francis J. Flood, Jr. P. E.
Associate Public Health Engineer

Dear Sir:

I am returning your form San. #117, filled out as far as possible, with apologies for the delay.

If any further information is required, please be sure to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

RUBBER CORPORATION OF AMERICA

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J M Cherry', is written over the typed name.

Joel M. Cherry, Project Engineer
General Services Division
Engineering Department

JMC/erm
Enclosure

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

INDUSTRIAL WATER USE AND WASTE WATER DISPOSAL PRACTICES SURVEY

1. Name of Establishment RUBBER CORPORATION OF AMERICA
2. Mailing Address NEW SOUTH ROAD HICKSVILLE NEW YORK
3. Plant Address SAME
4. Location of Plant SAME City, town, or village (circle) NASSAU County
5. Number of employees 175 Average 225 Maximum
6. Months Plant Operated (circle) (J F M A M J J A S O N D)
7. Number of days plant operated per week 6 Normal 7 Peak
8. Number of hours plant operated per day 24 Normal 24 Peak
9. Manufacturing Process or service Polyvinyl Chloride Resin, IRS Synthetic Latex, Plasticizers, and Plastic Product Production
10. Raw Materials Quantities Primary Products Quantities
- | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 Butadiene Monomer | 38,000 #/wk | IRS | |
| 2 Styrene Monomer | 30,000 #/wk | Latices | 68,000 #/wk |
| | 300,000 #/wk | | |
| 3 Vinyl Chloride Monomer | | PVC | 300,000 #/wk |
11. Water Sources
- a. Public Water Supply (Municipal or Private)
- Name of Water Supply Co. Hicksville Water District
- b. Plant's surface water intake (rivers, lakes, etc.)
- Name of river, lake, etc. _____
- Location of intake _____
- c. Plant's ground water source (wells, springs, etc.)
- d. Other sources of water (quarries, mines, etc.)
- Name and location _____
- | average | maximum |
|---------|---------------------|
| 15,000 | Est. 150% = 22,500 |
| | |
| 68,400 | Est. 150% = 102,600 |
| | |
12. Source of Aux. Fire Protection Water Storage Tank and Fire Pump and Hydrant System.
13. Briefly describe treatment of incoming water by your company and indicate whether or not water is treated for reuse Well Water is chlorinated, Process Water (city water) is demineralized.

(over please)

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14. Incoming water analysis performed by plant is not on a Frequency routine basis

15. Water Use and Recirculation

Purpose of Water Intake	Water Use Gallons per day		Water Recirculation Gallons per day	
	Average	Maximum	Average	Maximum
Potable	1,000 est.	1,500 est.	0	
Process	5,000 est.	7,500 est.	0	
CITY WATER	9,000 est.	13,500 est.		
Cooling WELLS	68,400 est. no meter	102,600 est.	0	
Other COOLING TOWER 1,000,000 GPD			All recirculated-closed system	

16. Type of Waste	Process A	Process B	Process C	Cooling Water	Sanitary Sewerage	Total Plant Waste
17. Origin of Wastes	PVC	LATEX	LATEX CONCENTRATION		Sanitary	Over All Plant
18. Description of Waste (inert)	PVC resin trace	HCL Clear water	Clear	Heated	Sanitary	
19. Average resin soaps Volume of Waste Water, gallons/day	2,000 est.	3,000 est.	500 GPD est.	77,400	1,000	82,900
20. Waste treated yes or no (If yes, answer question #22)		coagulated with alum.	same as process B	no	no	
21. Where waste water is discharged:	Settling pit	settling pit				

To Sewers						
Name of Municipality						
To local Watercourse	SEPARATE RECHARGE BASINS ARE USED FOR THE VARIOUS WASTES AND FOR COOLING WATER.					
Name of River/Lake					Leaching pools	
To Land incl. ground water (Describe)						
Other (Describe)						

22. Briefly describe waste water treatment or types of waste (Question No. 20) Use additional sheets for supplementary information and sketches
Waste process water is run to concrete (floor and walls) settling pits. Solids are dropped out and clear effluent is discharged to our recharge basins. The sand bottoms of these basins are changed yearly.
 23. Recharge is to watercourse, give location of discharge

24. Waste water analysis performed by plant is not on a Frequency routine basis

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25. Indicate any future water requirements We contemplate using additional
public supply of water to replace our well water supply.
Approximate use is 30,000,000 gallons per year based on present
usage.

26. Remarks _____

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Drainage Basin _____ Topo Map Name _____ Map No. _____

Name of Survey _____ Local Health Office _____

Receiving Waters:

Surface (1) _____ Index _____

(2) _____ Index _____

Ground (1) _____ Mileage Coordinates _____

(2) _____ Mileage Coordinates _____



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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

	<u>Used or Manufactured</u>	<u>Discharged</u>
Benzene	No	No
Bromodichloroethane	No	No
Bromoform	No	No
Carbon Tetrachloride	No	No
Chloroethyl Ethyl Ether	No	No
Chloroform	No	No
Chloromethyl Ethyl Ether	No	No
Dibutoxy Ethoxy Methane	No	No
Dibutyl Phthalate	Yes	Yes
Dichloroethylene	No	No
Dimethyl Naphthalene	No	No
Diethyl Phthalate	Yes	Yes
Ethyl Toluene	No	No
Fluorene	No	No
Methyl Chloride	No	No
Methyl Naphthalene	No	No
Naphthalene	No	No
Pentachloropropane	No	No
Phenols	Yes	Yes
Tetrachloroethylene	Yes	Yes
Toluene	Yes	No
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	Yes	No
Trichloroethylene	Yes	Yes
Trifluorotrichloroethane	No	No
Vinyl Chloride	Yes	Yes

DIBUTYL PHTHALATE - This product was manufactured in limited quantities in the 1950's and early 1960's and it is estimated that trace quantities were possibly discharged with our water of esterification based on the solubility in water reported to be 0.04%.

DIOCTYL PHTHALATE - Plasticizer was manufactured in the 1950's and 1960's and it is estimated that trace quantities were possibly discharged with our water of esterification based on the solubility in water reported to be 0.01%.

PHENOLS - From 1956 through 1973, we purchased our vinyl chloride monomer inhibited with small quantities of phenol, in the low parts per million range. It is conceivable that traces of phenol could have survived our processing and been discharged with our PVC process water, but the quantities would necessarily have been infinitesimal.

TETRACHLOROETHYLENE - As stated in our testimony, this product, also known as perchloroethylene, was used in our esterification process and the annual discharge rate until 1975 was estimated to be less than 40 pounds per year. This stream has been incinerated on-site since 1975.

TOLUENE - Used as a solvent in some of our polyurethane coatings, but not discharged in any of our effluents.

1,1,1 TRICHLOROETHANE - Was temporarily used in limited quantities in some of our specialty polyurethane coatings, but not discharged in any of our effluents.

TRICHLOROETHYLENE - Until 1975, this material was reacted into some of our PVC resins and it is possible that trace amounts were discharged in our waste water to the lagoons. The amounts discharged, however, had to be minute since most of the product was consumed in the polymerization process. Assuming that all of our resin production employed trichloroethylene, the maximum usage could have been 12,000 gallons per year. Actual usage was significantly less than this, on average.

VINYL CHLORIDE - This material was covered thoroughly in our recent testimony. Vinyl chloride monomer, from 1956 to 1975, was present in our effluent from the PVC plant at levels less than 3 parts per million. However, our best information based on EPA documents indicates that most, if not all, of these traces of vinyl chloride in our effluent were dissipated into the atmosphere and did not enter the ground waters.

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